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On 300-Acre Transfer...

Walsh & Rheault Banks, Voluntary Wake-Up Call

State Representative Michael P. Walsh and Town Council President Donald M. Rheault today blasted Hampden County Commissioners and Sheriff Michael Ashe for remarks made concerning a bill signed by Governor Michael Dukakis to convey 300 acres of county land to the town this fall.

Commissioners and Ashe reacted angrily last week when Walsh announced that the bill was signed by Dukakis on Friday, July 14th. Commissioners said they had no knowledge whatsoever about the bill and Ashe likened it to a backroom political deal made at mid-

Also, Commissioner Richard Thomas said he believed the bill was illegal and the county might consider taking it to court to nullify it.

And several days later, Commissioner Thomas J. O'Connor said the commission may "rethink" its opposition to siting a \$51 million jail in Agawam
About 218 acres of the 300 acres, located in Feeding

Hills, comprise two tracts of land being studied as a potential replacement for the overcroweded York Street Jail in Springfield. The second site is eight acres

off Taylor Street in Springfield.
Walsh told us, "In no way did I nor the Legislature nor the governor attempt to keep the county commission in the dark about this bill. Their comments are reactionary and beneath the office they hold. The bill went through the proper legislative channels. There were newspaper stories about it when the town first asked me to file it last November. Public hearings were held. The bill was read on the House floor three times and in the Senate three times.

"If the county commission was doing its job, they would have been informed of the bill. I did my job. It's obvious they didn't do theirs."

Rheault, the sponsor of the bill on the council floor late last year, called O'Connor's comments about the commission's possible new position about placing the jail in Agawam as tantamount to "intimidation and political blackmail."

Rheault said, "What's there to rethink? The county commission over and over has said the jail will not be placed in Agawam. Now because we will own the land the commission is trying to threaten us with the jail. But the town won't be intimidated by this type of politics."

Our Fair Share

Rheault again noted that the town has done more than its fair share for the rest of Hampden County. He listed the Bondi's Island Treatment Plant, the regional landfill and dump, the Fluor Vicon incinerator, and the planned sludge plant, as all being located within Agawam's boundaries.

Rheault said the county also attempted to place a regional dog pound in Agawam despite the town's violent opposition to it.

"I think we've done more than enough for the county. The idea came to me to ask the council to pass this resolution after the county contacted us about placing a composting plant in town. It's high time Agawam stops being used as a regional dumping ground.

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More Computer Problems...

Say County Needs Taxes Sent In; Tax Rate To Be Set

by Christine Piesyk **Advertiser News Staff**

With more than \$1 million received in voluntary tax payments, the Town of Agawam is financially solvent at least through Labor Day and won't have to borrow to pay its bills.

Town Treasurer Rudy Altobelli has received over \$1 million in tax receipts from banks and lending institutions contacted by Town Manager Reid S. Charles, Town Accountant Carol Taylor, Town Assessor Timothy Kelleher, and Town Clerk Richard Theroux.

Altobelli said another \$77,000 was paid directly by 111 taxpayers on a voluntary basis, based on last year's tax bills. The lending institutions paid the town directly on the requests of Charles and his department

Estimated tax bills were supposed to be mailed on April 1st but according to Altobelli, with the council setting the tax rate on August 1st, and with the town revaluation figures in, tax bills probably will be mailed by the end of August.

With delays in the town revaluation process by Patriot Properties and alitches in the collection program of the town computer, collecting taxes hasn't been easy for Agawam. And it's been controversial as

Two members of Town Council, Paul Fieldstad and Edward G. Borgatti, have put Charles on the carpet for the late tax bills. Both councilors say the town is losing up to \$41,000 in accrued interest because the tax bills were not sent.

Also, it was learned that Charles did not realize the town was running out of money until Fieldstad criticized him at the council's June 20th meeting.

Fieldstad charged Charles with bad management and later added that the situation could have been

This led to a flurry of phones calls to lending institutions from Charles and his department heads, as well as an appeal to taxpayers for voluntary tax payments, so the town could avoid having to borrow money to

Borrowing to pay its bills due to no tax bills being sent out, most observers agree, would have placed Charles in a political pressure-cooker.

According to Altobelli, some areas of the town computer system are functioning well, such as the School Department's end. Agawam and other communities are using the current collections system and are experiencing severe problems with this phase of the computer program.

"I've talked to people in Acton, East Longmeadow, and Longmeadow and they've all expressed some dissatisfaction with the system," Altobelli said. "Shrewsbury uses this system and though they were happy with it first, they are having problems, too.'

Efforts to resolve problems in the collections systems of this often off-line computer have proved frustrating, Altobelli adds, referring to the support system offered by the Co-Op of Attleboro, Massachusetts. "They are

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The Corn Queen!



JENNY CHRISTOPHER, wife of "Corn King" Al Christopher of Agawam, says all the rain lately has moved the corn crop right along and now there's plenty available. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Let's Buy St. Anne's Despite Manager Charles

With the vote on the proposed purchase of the St. Anne's Country Club due Monday night by Town Council, it's time for the town's hometown newspaper to take a stand.

We SUPPORT the council spending \$4 million to buy the 171 acres.

We do not do this, however, without first observing that the efforts of Town Manager Reid S. Charles to sell this package to the council is an example of bad management.

Charles has bungled, mugged, and shown a lack of professional leadership on this issue from the outset.

When he first stated to the press months ago, "The town will match any offer for the land," that signaled the beginning of a debacle.

And what should have been a professional, business-like debate has evolved into another community snafu rooted in last-minute shuffling of information and important figures being forwarded to councilors by the manager's office.

In this administration it's nothing new - it's the norm.

Despite all this and the \$4 million price tag (nearly \$6 million with interest over the life of the proposed bond), we do support this purpose for one reason and one reason only -PRESERVING LAND that's always been open and recreational space.

The 171 acres at St. Anne's would be a shame to lose to developers. We believe that in 15 or 20 years from now, and for generations much farther down the road, the town would REGRET missing this opportunity.

COMMON GROUND between most townsfolk in Agawam points to our serious loss of open space and over-development.

This newspaper has rightfully been identified as pro-development and pro-business in the past. In this instance, the open space is in the best interests of the community at-large, and development should take the back seat.

Charles' attempt to sell the St. Anne's package to the council and perhaps reap some popularity from townspeople at the same time has failed.

Charles' statement about "matching any offer" to purchase the land was foolhardy. What's more valuable - land that's being sought for development, paid for by developers, or land that would be purchased to maintain an existing golf course without any development? It's obvious the former is true.

Wouldn't it have been far more prudent for Charles to say that the town was interested in St. Anne's for preservation and open space only? And that any attempts to develop this land would be met by the strictest enforcement of the law and legal restrictions possible, including no zone changes for the land from what he perceived as an unsympathetic council?

Why get the town involved in a potential bidding war?

Why did Charles say the town would be eligible for a state payback of \$700,000 towards the purchase before any application had been filed? Now, several months later, the state says it will pay us back "up to

\$500,000." That's another \$200,000 off his estimates.

His figures on sewer costs as well as other figures to package the deal are being questioned and criticized, leaving several key votes on the council fence-sitting at presstime. Much is still left to the imagination on how the town will sub-contract the golf course and banquet facility at St. Anne's from Charles' package on the deal.

Also, Town Solicitor Anthony C. Bonavita ruled only on Tuesday that the liquor license owned by St. Anne's could not be transferred unless a special act of the legislature approved it. That liquor license was granted as an over-quota license in 1976 and transfer of it would need special legislation.

While this probably won't be a problem, it's just another 11th hour nitch which might have been reported to councilors earlier.

All in all, the many questions still needing to be answered from Charles have clouded this purchase.

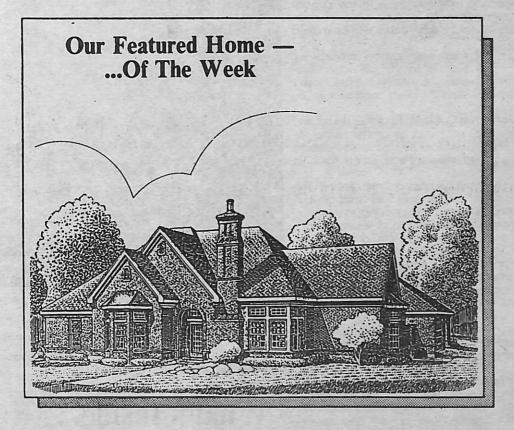
That's why we SUPPORT the purchase on the basis of maintaining the integrity of the land for future generations of Agawam. We hope councilors who are still undecided think seriously about the purchase in this vein.

If running a municipal golf course and banquet facility can be done, then all the better.

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Resident Irate About Charles "Volunteering" Tax Payment

The Town of Agawam is able to get by financially because of voluntary payments of tax bills by the citizens of this town.

That is how I understood it in listening to our Town

Manager, Reid Charles.

According to the dictionary, voluntary is defined as "proceeding from the will or from one's own free choice." I had no choice in this process. My taxes were paid by my bank, from my account, because the town manager called and asked them to pay the taxes using last year's rates for all Agawam residents who have their mortgage with escrow accounts at their bank.

I found out by reading this month's mortgage bill and seeing that approximately \$700 had been removed from the account. There was no explanation so I called the bank and was told that the Town Manager Reid Charles had called and requested our payments because of pending financial hardship at Town Hall. The bank was also told by Charles that the tax bills would be out within 30 days. I was never informed by the bank or the Town of Agawam.

I question the professionality of this situation. We are told that paying out tax bills without a bill in hand are a voluntary contribution, when in fact they are not. I don't understand the Town Manager telling us that so many people came forward with their tax payments that we are able to meet the town's bills and not borrow. I didn't come forward with a payment, but my bill

is paid with my money.

wonder how many other citizens of Agawam made voluntary payments without their knowledge. I have spoken with Mr. Charles. He told me he has no control over what the banks do but he did in fact ask them for the money and received it, without our knowledge. He also told me on Tuesday, July 26th, that the tax bills would be out next week. When I called the Assessor's Office five minutes later, they told me the bills would be out the middle or end of August. The Town Council has not even voted approval of the bills yet. The bills then have to be certified by Boston, and then the town has to put the bills into a computer, and when all that is done they should be sent. I also understand there is a problem with the town computer, which may further delay the tax bills. How can he tell me they will be out

The bank has returned my call with apologies and they have refunded the money to my account and are also waiting for a call from Mr. Charles as of Tuesday

afternoon.

The fact that the town was able to acquire money from my account, with my name on it, not the town's name, disturbs me greatly. It also disturbs me that all this was done with one phone call by one man, Town Manager Reid Charles.

Most of all, it disturbs me that I have lost the control of my own account and that we are not being given the correct story about these tax bills that were due April

1st, not months later.

I now begin to understand the need for a mayoral form of government in this town. I have seen one problem after another. And now the Town Manager, who we as citizens do not elect, has the power to initiate withdrawals from private citizens' accounts. All of this because the town cannot handle their finances. I wish had the ability to dip into someone's account when I can't pay my bills.

If the taxes were due April 1st, why wasn't an estimated tax bill sent and then later on bill for the remainder just like the insurance companies did recently? It appears to be a funny way of running a town. I assumed people had been hired who had the ability to

run the finances of this town correctly.

I hope the taxpayers of Agawam are aware of the fact that their town manager has the right, or at least exercises the right, to withdraw money from a private citizen's account when his administration cannot send bills out in a timely fashion.

Joseph A. Dupelle 58 Fordham Avenue Feeding Hills, MA.

Councilwoman Jessie Fuller **Mocks Democratic Principles**

To The Editor:

Town Council Vice-President Jessie Fuller doesn't seem to know who put her in office. It wasn't Town Manager Reid Charles, but the voters of Agawam.

These are the same voters of Agawam who have the right and intelligence to know what kind of town goverment they want.

It's been seven years since we've voted on either keeping this manager charter or electing a mayor as our town leader. The Town Council voted (in majority) to put this question in front of the townspeople in

State Representative Mike Walsh and State Senator Linda Melconian worked hard to get the bill through the Legislature so that their constituents in Agawam could exercise the right to vote on what form of government they wish to have - manager or mayor.

Why does Mrs. Fuller try to delay this? Is she afraid of the outcome? We know about her never-say-die support of Manager Charles, whatever he wants, but is she afraid of the outcome of the ballot question in November? I believe that outcome will be for an elected mayor, not keeping the present system of a

Mrs. Fuller should put aside her self-interests. She's said she is not against a mayor form of government but would rather see a charter commission formed. That's another way of burying things in another committee and would delay our vote for a mayor for several years. That certainly would insure the job safety of Mrs. Fuller's manager.

We do have a democracy in this country - or does Mrs. Fuller think we are in Panama or South Africa?

Lucien N. Breault 1068 Main Street Agawam

Why Will Town Pay So Much For A Golf Course???

To The Editor:

Why does the Town of Agawam want to buy a golf course costing over \$6 million.

The town will have to spend more than \$500,000 to put the course in shape.

The St. Anne's Country Club does not have drainage

nor a sprinkler system.

Why this piece of property for land salvage? Why pay \$6 million or more for this piece of land when we can buy many hundreds of acres for that purpose at millions of dollars cheaper. It sounds ridiculous.

Let's look at Agawam's future money picture, regardless of what our filed-for-personal- bankruptcy Town Manager, Reid Charles, says.

1) Our stabilization fund is being abused and is in danger of being depleted.

2) State assistance for recreational land is being

depleted. 3) Our free cash fund in town has been misused and

abused, while being dangerously depleted. 4) Agawam does not have any money set aside for

sorely needed road repairs, sidewalk repairs, etc. 5) The automatic budget increase and salary increases for next year's budget equals about \$1.5 million. 6) Add the \$6 million or more for the golf course, and

now our finances are really being stretched. 7) With this budget we have just increased our bonded

debt some \$4.2 million (school repairs, etc.). 8) We do not receive any more revenue sharing money.

That's \$600,000 per year - gone.

Town Manager Charles quote figures from the Old Master Plan of 1974 to put this deal for St. Anne's together. He and Councilor Christopher Johnson, who appears to be going along with everything the manager says on this, have simply ignored the latest survey and plan of 1984 which quotes the following recommenda-

RECREATION: "The addition of 11,000 people by the year 2000 will require an additional 29 acres of neighborhood, recreational playgrounds, and another 29 acres for neighborhood parks; 24 acres of playfields containing sports field and tennis courts should also be built if the standards contained in the 1976 Master Plan are to be met.

"Because of the dispersed nature of Agawam's development and relatively large distances between parks in the town, smaller and more dispersed recrea-

tional facilities should be built."

These recommendations for future actions in Agawam were prepared by The Agawam Planning Board, by Interchange - Comprehensive Development Planning, Lexington, MA.

I only ask townspeople to please consider what Manager Charles is proposing, how he arrived as his figures, and the complete chaos he has brought into this issue by bad management.

Valentine R. Moreno

Florida Drive, Agawam Former Town Councilor

Senior Center's Sandra Smith Praised By Sheriff Mike Ashe

I would like to take a moment to thank Sandra Smith, Activities Director at the Agawam Senior Center, for her efforts to initiate the jail farm elderly garden pro-

ject.
Because of her perseverance and dedication, this project will become an annual opportunity open to

Agawam seniors.

We at the Sheriff's Department believe in "community corrections." This means that we not only utilize the positive resources of a community to assist in the corrective efforts with our inmates, but that we are available to be utilized as a positive resource.

That is why we are especially heartened that seniors in Agawam were able to benefit both from the offer of the farmland and from the voluntary efforts of inmates to ready the land for planting.

None of our efforts at Community Corrections could be successful without the efforts of able and dedicated

people such as yourself.

I am told that Ms. Smith is quite fond of animals and plants. Let me add to that that her fondness for people shines through her efforts on behalf of the Agawam elderly. Agawam and its Council on Aging is truly fortunate to have her services and inspiration.

On behalf of the people of Hampden County, I wish to thank and commend Ms. Smith for her vital effort in founding the "Victory Garden" and for being the friend

to all living things that she is.

Sincerely, Michael J. Ashe, Sheriff **Hampden County**

Agawam High Student Thanks **Community For Support**

To The Editor:

Open Letter From Terri Cimaroli

To All:

I would like to thank everyone who provided assistance with my Spirit of America Marching Band tour of Europe. It was a wonderful, rewarding and enriching experience. The band was well received overseas, especially at the 4th of July celebration in Geneva, Switzerland, where we performed for the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and his honored

As the only candidate from Massachusetts, it was with special pride that I represented the Town of Agawam to our friends in Europe.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the following people who provided financial assistance: My parents, Elena & Donald Wells; my grand-

parents, Helen & Peter Lamagna and Mary Cimaroli; Joanne Brown, Sadie & Joe Ferraro; Pat & Martin Cain; Gail & Pete Brittain; Yally & Joe Tarozzi; Joanna & Otto Fazio; Ingrid & George Fogg; Mary-Ann & Ray Rouillard; Dr. Susan Lindquist; Agawam Fire Fighters Union Local-1973; Agawam Police Association; Italian Fraternal Club; Peterjon's Gourmet Ice Cream Shop; Agawam Junior Women's Club.

Also a special thank-you to Mr. Scott Thomsofi, Mr. Darcy Davis, Mr. John Morrissey, and Mrs. Margo Poulin for their guidance, inspiration, and assistance which enabled me to be selected as a member of the Spirit of America Marching Band. To all my friends and family who offered their moral support, I extend my sincere appreciation. Although I was thousands of miles away, you were all with me in my heart.

Gratefully, Terri M. Cimaroli 5 Granger Drive Feeding Hills, Mass.

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Health Chairman Raps State DEQE

by Christine Piesyk **Advertiser News Staff**

"I'm tired of lip service. If this isn't a priority, I don't

know what is!

Those words from William Euliano, Jr., chairman of the Agawam Board of Health, refer to what he charges is a total lack of interest by the state Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE) in the proposed safety and operations regulations for the Fluor Vicon trash-burning incinerator, scheduled to begin operations at Bondi's Island next week.

"We were told to expect a response from the DEQE to our proposed regulations within 45-60 days," Euliano told us Tuesday night. "It's been 120 days and we still haven't heard a thing."

The proposed regulations were submitted to the DE-QE in April by Town Solicitor Anthony C. Bonavita for its input, and those amended rules for the incinerator are expected to be approved at an August 30th meeting of the Board of Health.

According to Euliano, Bonavita also wrote letters of inquiry to several Massachusetts towns with similar trash-burning facilities concerning any local rules and regulations implemented to regulate plants such as the one ready to go on line at Bondi's Island.

Euliano said Bonavita has received no response from any of the towns regarding regulations in resource

"I am not challenging the DEQE's expertise. That is not the question. The lack of response to our inquiries is the issue and this is now critical," Euliano told *The* Advertiser News.

Euliano said requested meetings between town officials and Fluor Vicon management were handled expediently and professionally, and a positive exchange

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of information took place.

When the time came for input from the DEQE however, Euliano said, "we expected information and input and didn't get any."

Ideally, composting, recycling, and specialized pickups for hazardous wastes are components that should be in operation prior to the incinerator going on line, according to Euliano. However, he said because this is not the case, "we can't hold-up the plant beginning operations. But the town's Board of Health will not be

continually ignored by DEQE."

He added, "If the Western Mass. office of DEQE won't respond to us, then we'll go to the DEQE commissioners. They have a responsibility to render an opinion on our proposed rules and we have been ignored."

Testing of the plant is underway as specified in contractual agreements. DEQE has 180 days after plant operations begin to complete its own testing.

The proposals regarding safety and regulations at the incinerator were penned by Bonavita and Board of Health members after reviewing state guidelines for such facilities.

The plant has been the subject of much controversy with environmental activists bringing strong opposition to the facility at public hearings and town meetings.

Euliano says it's now a fact of life that the plant will open the first week of August. "However, that doesn't mean it won't be run safely and that's the way the board wants it run."

To that end, Euliano will pursue DEQE in search of a

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, August 4, 1988 at 7:15 PM in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Thomas Russo, Jr. for a Definitive Subdivision Plan, a proposed 24 lot subdivision on a 16.7 acre parcel located between Corey and School Streets.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

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COMPUTER - From Page 1...

phantom programmers. We just don't have support services from them."

Charles concurred with Altobelli, confirming that while some areas of the computer system are problemfree, collections is not one of those areas.

Charles did hold a workshop earlier this year for Town Council on the constant computer problems. At the meeting councilors were assured that the nagging and often serious problems were being ironed-out. Now, Charles is talking about making the best out of a bad situation.

We have withheld payments to the computer company. We've had conferences and correspondence with them. We've taken administrative action many times over," Charles stated. "The problems we are currently having will not stop the collection process, but it will make it cumbersome. But the town won't stop function-

Data Processing Manager Fred Messier says the issue goes all the way back to the beginning of the revaluation process as handled by Patriot Properties.

Messier said he received a final revaluation tape from the firm (with approved valuations) last week and expects to have those figures programmed this week and converted into the town computer.

Once those valuations are in, says Messier, and estimated voluntary payments are applied, all he needs to send out tax bills is an approved tax rate from the state Bureau of Revenue.

Messier believes the Co-Op has been good about clearing-up problem areas in the collections phase of the computer program. "When they rewrote the soft-ware from our old system they did not use a few of the tools we would have," Messier noted. "That's when we ran into problems.

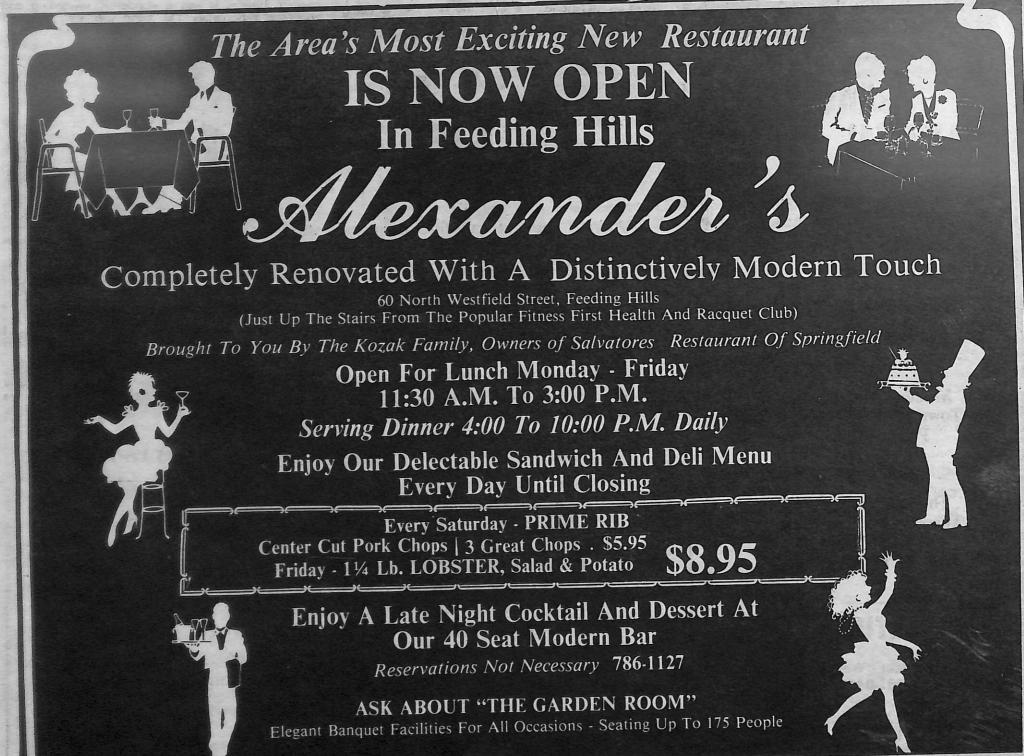
Messier quickly noted, however, that with the final valuations being programmed this week, tax bills could be run-off in one day - just as soon as the tax rate is

"Collections is a difficult system and there have been a lot of big changes," Messier states. "Payroll, accounting, the school system - these areas are all functioning well."
Fieldstad, however, says he isn't buying rhetoric and

excuses about the town computer not working.

'If final bills for the first half of the year are sent-out by September 1st, that gives taxpayers 30 days to pay. Then taxpayers will get hit with the second bill on Oc-

tober 1st, unless that gets delayed too.
"On top of that," Fieldstad added, "water bills will be coming out too. That's a lot for some people to take all at once. It's just bad management."



FIRE-WISE

by Rusty Jenks Agawam Fire Chief

Lightning Deserves Respect

Every year you hear of people being struck by lightning during summer storms. Most of them are killed. The rest of us ask ourselves why those victims didn't take shelter, why they stayed on the golf course or ball field, or why they went under a tree during the storm. After all, we think, we all know better. The Agawam Fire Department wants to remind you of those lessons.

Yes, most of us learned when we were younger how to behave in a thunderstorm. The problem is, sometimes we don't think it's important to worry about such safety precautions. We think the thunder we hear is too far away to be concerned about and that just a few more minutes won't hurt. So even though we know better, we decide to take the risk.

Don't take the chance. When you hear thunder or see lightning anywhere in your area, don't waste time. Summer storms can move very fast.

Wherever you are, the key is to remember not to leave yourself in a position where you become attractive for the lightning. Lightning tends to strike anything that protrudes above the rest of its surroundings. Don't be a lightning rod.

If you're at the beach or pool, get out of the water and find shelter, but not under a tree or beach umbrella! **Don't stay on the beach.** Anything that sticks up from a flat area, whether it's a tree, pole or you, is a target for lightning.

If you're in a boat on the water and there's time to get ashore, head in without delay and take safer shelter. If you're too far from shore, get low in the boat so you won't serve as a lightning rod.

If you are in a field and are too far from safe shelter, don't be tempted to find a tree just to keep dry. Get down and stay low. You'll get wet but you probably won't get fried.

Most important, don't try to outguess the storm or blitnely assume you'll escape harm. Certainly past victims of lightning strikes, if they could, would say that's what they thought.

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Thursday, July 28th
Conservation Commission
Town Clerk's Conference Room
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Thursday, July 28th Board of Appeals Town Hall Annex 7:30 p.m.

Monday, August 1st Town Council Meeting Public Library 8:00 P.M.

Thursday, August 4th Agawam Planning Board Public Library 7:15 P.M.

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Walsh said he believes the Rheault-sponsored resolution on the council floor, which he sponsored in Boston, became state law because it was written in language that reported the land was needed as part of

the town's five-year open space plan.

Walsh did note that the land transfer from county-totown will not prevent the state from recommending the
Feeding Hills site, but might gain the town millions of
dollars in payment for the land if the state takes it by

eminent domain.
"There's not doubt that this land transfer will have an impact on the state's plans for a jail if the Taylor Street site is not accepted," said Walsh.
He noted that the state was probably looking at the

He noted that the state was probably looking at the Feeding Hills site because it was previously county land, and would have not cost any money to purchase

A state study on a potential jail site is now pending, but a state official said earlier this week the land transfer might further delay the study.

"Given Their Word"

According to Walsh, the county commissioners have verbally given "their word" to him that they would oppose any attempt by the state to place a jail here.

"But what happens if the state study on the jail pointed to Agawam as the only realistic site, and if the county was to oppose it, the jail could be possibly delayed for several more years? I think I can safely say the county would be "rethinking" its position anyway and suddenly Agawam would be the chosen site," said Walsh.

Rheault said both the county commission and Ashe should choose their words carefully before "ranting and raving" about the land transfer being a political

"As I read the legislation, it not only carries the signature of the governor, but the Speaker of the House and the Senate President also signed it. There was no mystery to this bill. The county commission were the ones in the dark because something went wrong on their end. Their hostility is totally reactionary. The Town of Agawam was simply acting to control its own destiny," said Rheault.

He concluded, "I've been involved in town government for 15 years and this is the most significant legislation I've been involved in. Twenty-five years ago the town was promised that Route 57 would be completed.

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Agawam Crime Prevention... Officer Dan Ciak

by Officer Wayne Macey Crime Prevention Bureau

Having been appointed to the department on June 6th, 1971, Dan has now completed his 17th year of service to the town. As a matter of choice, he remains on the 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. shift, where he first started his career.

Dan was one of the original members of the Traffic Bureau (when the division was added to the police department back in the 1970's). He received his emergency medical technician status in April 1977 when the Police Department was still operating the ambulance. Dan is a graduate of Springfield Technical Community College where in June 1975 he received his associate's degree in law enforcement. He also attended breathalyzer operator school in March, 1974.

In 1977 Dan started his own business, a machine shop where he manufactures parts as ordered by other businesses. He works at this during the day, and reports for work on the evening shift here at the station. Dan can usually be found either riding in car 4, the south end of town, or in charge of the shift as senior patrolman in the absence of a sergeant.

His choice of shifts is an asset to the department due to the fact that we are fast becoming a young police force with many new faces on the job. Experience is needed on the two evening shifts because most senior patrolmen migrate toward the day shift assignments.

Dan brings with him the expertise and experience of handling all types of calls on the same shift over a 17-year period. He knows the town, the people, and how to handle himself in any given situation. The new men look to him for his proven leadership abilities. Dan currently resides in the North Agawam section of town and has two children. Scott. 15. and Tammy. 11.

and has two children, Scott, 15, and Tammy, 11.

Another area where Dan has proven himself of great value is at Riverside Park. We are often called to work the crowds at the park by the administration officials there. A popular night at the park in Saturday night, when NASCAR-sponsored Modified race car events are run in the track area. Large numbers of people are always in attendance due to the popularity racing has



OFFICER DAN CIAK

Dan can be seen on most race nights working the pit area where he is familiar with all the drivers' crews and many of the fans. Due to the nature of racing and the tension that usually builds along with the competition, tempers will sometimes get the better of drivers and crews alike.

Dan is a familiar face and as such, a calming influence in an area where tact and discretion are often called for.



Nate Sherwood Promoted By Sheriff Ashe To Lt.

Hampden County Sheriff Michael J. Ashe, Jr. has announced that Correction Officer Nathan G. "Nate" Sherwood of Agawam has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant.

Lieutenant Sherwood fought in World War II in the Air Force. After returning from the service, he earned a degree from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts.

the University of Massachusetts.

He joined the Sheriff's Department in 1947, and his primary responsibility since then has been to supervise operations at the jail farm in Agawam.

Recently Nate played a key role in readying one-half acre of the farm as a community garden plot for the elderly of Agawam. Nate supervised 12 inmates as they plowed and harrowed the ground in preparation for the elderly garden. Agawam elderly now grow their own vegetables at the jail farm, as well as cooperatively tend a plot to grow vegetables for the Agawam Council on Aging Senior Center lunch program.



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Agawam Crime Prevention...

Key Features Of \$\$ Safe Is Resistance!!!

by Officer Wayne Macey Crime Prevention Bureau

The key feature of the money safe is its resistance to burglary or robbery. Burglary-resistant safes are designed to withstand attacks by tools, torch, or explosives in proportion to their construction specifications. These safes are also designed to protect against thefts that are done quickly where the thief depends on

the element of surprise or fast getaway.

Underwriters Laboratory in Northbrook, Illinois, does all the testing and labeling of these safes. These labels indicate classification of the unit and to a cer-

tain extent, their capabilities.

For example, a chest with TRTL 30 rating must have withstood an attack with burglary tools for a period of 30 minutes, an attack with a torch for 30 minutes or an attack with tools and a torch for 30 minutes.

While 30 minutes may not seem like a long time, it must be understood that experts in the U.L. Laboratories are highly-qualified and skilled technicians who have all the latest tools and equipment, as well as blueprints of the safes to help them along.

In addition, they are working under perfect conditions without fear or tension, a complete turnaround from the conditions under which the burglar would be operating. As a rule of thumb, a period of 10 minutes of testing under ideal conditions in a laboratory are equivalent to one hour for a burglar on the premises.

Label	Resistance	Time			
TL 15 (class ER)	tool	15 Min.			
TL 30 (class F)	tool	30 Min.			
TRTL 30 (class H)	Tool or torch	30 Min.			
TRTL 60 (class I)	Tool or torch	60 Min.			
TXTL (Class I)	Tool, torch or explosion	60 Min.			

In business, round door and recently square door chests are being used more frequently where a volume cash flow requires it. As accumulated, large amounts of cash can be placed through a slot in the heads or doors of these safes, thus cutting down on the possibility of being robbed or burglarized.

Insurance companies are quick to lower premiums for businesses that employ these money chests or

'dropsafes."

Whether buying a safe for personal home use or for business protection, the U.L. label should always be observed and used as a reference for determining the capabilities of the unit. In addition to noting tool and torch resistance times, classifications will also describe thickness of steel, number of doors and types of locks involved, and density of materials employed.

Once purchased, the single most important consideration will be location of the unit in your home or business as well as its portability. Burglars will give a wide berth to safes easily observed from the outside, and if the unit cannot be defeated at the scene, it should not be easy for the burglar to remove it from the premises for further attempts at a different more secure

When "The Duke" Visited The Altobelli Family



PEG ALTOBELLI, wife of Town Treasurer Rudy Altobelli, remembered the night that Governor and now Democratic presidential nominee Michael S. Dukakis visited their Mill Street home for dinner 10 years ago. The Altobellis were area coordinators for the Dukakis gubernatorial campaign. Peggy says the one thing she remembers most about the dinner was the Governor's insistence of cleaning off his own plate at her sink following dinner. The Altobellis also were active for Dukakis on many weekends in various states during the recent Democratic Presidential Primaries. Also in photo is the Altobellis second daugther, Kathy.

Police Blotter For July 18th - July 23rd

On July 18th, Dean Wright, 19 Scherpa Street, Apartment B, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Ronald Brown and Karen Cormier.

On July 20th, **Robert A. Bloomfield**, of no known address, was arrested and charged with shoplifting. Arresting officers were Steven Draghetti and Richard

On July 20th, Edna Roman, 105 Oswego Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting. Arresting officers were Joe Edwards and Mark Ceccarini.

On July 20th, Nathaniel Patterson, 61 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Chicopee Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Joe Edwards and Richard Conlon.

On July 21st, Gary Rivers, 21 Eloise Drive, Spr-Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Michael Gruska.
On July 21st, **David Wagner**, Jr., 140 Riviera Drive,

Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield Police Department war-rant. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and

On July 22nd, **Edward F. Coburn**, 102 Abby Street, South Hadley, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Ar-

resting officers were Al Collins and Eric Lottermoser.
On July 22nd, David C. Pandoli, 29 Corona Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with transporting alcohol, being a minor. Arresting officers were Richard Light, Jr. and Michael Gruska.

On July 22nd, Keith W. Fortin, 1013 Main Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Westfield Police Department warrant. Ar-

resting officers were Joe Edwards and Mark Pfau.
On July 23rd, **Richard Quillette**, 180 North Street Extension, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting of-ficers were Robert Landers and James Luccardi.

On July 23rd, Thomas Ford, Jr., 12 Hope Farms Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Detective Sergeant Ken Grady and Detective Al Collins.

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by Bob Burke **Agawam Animal Control Officer**

Last week I mentioned the fact that we must accept our wildlife in the area and learn to co-exist with them. However, this does not mean that we should attempt to care for them by feeding or housing them.

Every spring and summer the lives of many young wildlife are upset by people who mean to help them. These "babies" are learning survival techniques from one or both parents and any intrusion of this lesson can prove injurious to them.

The perils of survival are a natural part of the wild kingdom and some of them may not survive; the ones that do learn well and are the most fit, usually live the

Although these acts of kindness are well-meant, it is very important that young wildlife are left to learn their place in the world so that they are able to fend for themselves in the wilderness.

Another factor of caring for young wildlife is that many people all of a sudden find out that they don't really know how to care for these young animals and the young one dies in the hands of these well-meaning

If you happen to find a baby animal, don't assume that it is an orphan and needs your help. Chances are one or both of the parents are nearby. Don't be tempted to help these young ones unless you see that the mother is dead.

Then the only thing to do is to contact the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. There are laws that protect wildlife from being taken from the wild and kept. So if you decide that any young ones are in danger, then you should bring them to an office of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife or to an Environmental Police

In the Western District, contact an officer at: Hubbard Avenue, Pittsfield, MA, 01201, Phone: (413) 447-9789 or East Street, Belchertown, MA, 01007, Phone: (413) 323-7632.

If you should find a baby bird that has fallen out of its nest, just carefully put the bird back into its nest. It won't affect the mother's care for it as many people

There were 20 animal complaints for the week July 18th through July 24th.

New England Tele. Explains New 508 Code

Massachusetts officially has a new area code, 508 as of July 16th when New England Telephone formally introduced its third area code in the state.

Paul C. O'Brien, president and chief executive officer of New England Telephone, placed an "inaugural call' today to Lawrence Mayor Kevin J. Sullivan during a news conference at the company's headquarters at 185 Franklin Street, Boston. Lawrence is one of the largest cities in the new 508 area code region.

The new area code will not change existing toll rates because Massachusetts will retain the same two calling areas: the 413 area in Western Massachusetts and what is now known as the 617/508 area in Eastern Massachusetts. New England Telephone will continue to carry all calls within these two regions.

"The bottom line is that this new area code will not create new toll-calling boundaries," O'Brien said.

"I want to stress that this is just a numbering change-a local call between two communities will remain a local call after the new area code is introduced," he added.

In addition to toll rates remaining unchanged, all optional calling plans-such as Bay State East, and Measured Circle Calling Service - will not be affected. Customers with New England Telephone Calling Cards may continue to use those cards. Customers in the new 508 region will receive new cards in the fall, incorporating the addition of 508.

After the area code is implemented, customers will have to dial "1" plus the area code to complete calls that cross the 617/508 boundary.

Among the new dialing instructions outlined by

-617 customers will have to dial "1" plus "508" when calling across the new boundary;
-508 customers will have to dial "1" plus "617"

when calling across the new boundary;
-413 customers may have to dial "1" plus "508"

on some calls previously dialed with a "1" plus "617". New England Telephone is implementing the new area code because Eastern Massachusetts is growing so fast that the region is running out of telephone numbers. The addition of 508 will virtually double the supply of telephone numbers available in the eastern part of the state.

The company announced the new area code plans over two years ago in order to give customers ample

time to prepare for the change.

"We want to make the transition to 508 as smooth as possible for our customers," O'Brien said. "We've been working intensely to bring it into service with as little confusion as possible."

According to O'Brien, there will be a three-month "acclimation" period during which customers who forget to use the new calling pattern will still have their

calls completed.

"After this grace period, we'll have what we call an intercept period for a year when customers who fail to dial the correct area code will be reminded by a recording to redial their call using the appropriate area code," O'Brien said.

The new area code will extend from a new boundary north, west and south of greater Boston to the 413 area code in the western part of the state.

In the new 617 area, there will be about 1.2 million customer telephone lines while the 508 area will have about 1.3 million lines.

"The introduction of 508 brings to a conclusion the largest customer education and technical project we've undertaken during our 105-year history,

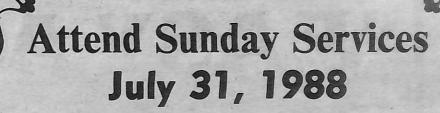
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Agawam Obituaries

Doris E. Baines

Doris E. (Wedin) Baines, 60, of 33 Woodside Drive, Agawam, a registered nurse at East Longmeadow Nursing Home, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

She was a former director of nurses at East Longmeadow Nursing Home, Kendall Commons Nursing Home, and West Springfield Nursing Home.

Born in Springfield, she had lived in Agawam 35 years. She graduated from Henry Heywood Memorial

Hospital School of Nursing in Gardner in 1948. She leaves her husband, Robert A. Baines; a son, Allan S. of Springfield; a daughter, Sharon Baines Rockwell of Paxton; a brother, Roy of Springfield; a sister, Martha Westcott of East Longmeadow, and four grandchildren.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Agawam Chapels with burial in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Hampden. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 57 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, MA, 01040.

Mary E. Bates

Mary E. (Coughlin) Bates, 67, of 60 Pinehurst Street,

Agawam, died in Noble Hospital.

She had been a resident of Westfield until moving to Agawam two years ago. She was a communicant of Blessed Sacrament Church and a member of its Rosary Sodality. Her husband, Gordon S. Bates, died in 1982.

She leaves a son, Charles S.; a daughter, Carol E. Bates; two brothers, Albert and Lawrence Coughlin, and three sisters, Florence Vincensi, Theresa Brown, and Loretta Stone, all of Westfield.

The funeral was at Robert E. Cusack Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the parish building fund, Union Street, Westfield, MA, 01085.

Walter R. Brown

Walter R. Brown, 78, of 50 Butternut Drive, Agawam, a former employee of the Springfield Water Department and Streets and Engineering Department, died at Baystate Medical Center.

Born in Canada, he lived in Springfield for 50 years before moving to Agawam a few years ago. His wife, Sophie Lavinski, died in 1977

He leaves a son, Robert E. of Agawam; a daughter, Eileen A. Corriveau of Agawam; a brother, Eugene A. Brown of Springfield; three sisters, Irene Connors of Springfield, Bernice Cignoli of West Springfield, and Gloria LaScala of Feeding Hills, and six grandchildren.

The funeral was private, with burial at the convenience of the family. T.P. Sampson Company's Chapel of the Acres was in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital For Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA, 01104.

years. She was a member of St. David's Church.

She received her nursing degree from Waltham School of Nursing and her master's degree from Boston University. She was a member of the Waltham School of Nursing Alumni Association and the Agawam Golden Agers Club.

She leaves a sister, Evelyn Casavant, and a niece,

Frances A. Murawski, both of Agawam.

The funeral was in the church with burial in Pine Island Cemetery, Mattapoisett. Colonial Funeral Home was in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to St. David's Memorial Fund, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

George W. Martin

George W. Martin, 65, of 146 Mill Street, Agawam, co-owner and chairman of the board of Elm Industries Inc., West Springfield, died yesterday in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

He was previously president and general manager of Holyoke Plastics Inc., and from 1965 to 1973, he worked at Futuramik Industries Inc., Hartford. He was listed in Who's Who in America in 1960.

Born in Springfield, he had lived in Agawam 43 years. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, and was a fourth-degree member of Archbishop Williams Assembly, Knights of Columbus. He was a past president of the Society of Plastic Engineers annd the Agawam Catholic Men's Club as well as a charter member of the Agawam-West Springfield Lodge of Elks.

He leaves his wife, the former Margaret Moorehead; three sons, George Jr. of Westfield, John F. of West Springfield, and Kenneth C. of Southwick; a daughter, Kathleen Nesin of Westfield; a brother, Francis G. of Agawam, and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Agawam Chapels and in the church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 57 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, MA, 01040, or to any charity.

Elsa Rodier

Elsa (Schultz) Rodier, 72, of 17 Poinsetta Street, Agawam, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. Born in Fitchburg, she had lived in Agawam 65 years. She was a member of Feeding Hills Congregational Church and a former member of Feeding Hills

She leaves her husband, Norman A. Rodier; a son, Ronald N. of Agawam; a sister, Martha L. Rider of Spr-

ingfield, and four grandchildren. The funeral was in the church with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Curran-Jones Agawam

Chapels was in charge.

Louise A. Shalanskas

Louise A. (Waniewski) Shalanskas, 69, of 385 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, a retired clerk at the Feeding Hills and West Springfield Post Offices, died at home. She retired in 1978 after working for the

Postal Service for 15 years.

Born in Springfield, she lived most of her life in Feeding Hills. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and a member of the Polish-American Club. She was the first president of the Women's Auxiliary

She leaves her husband, Anthony F. of Feeding Hills; two daughter, Barbara Wilson of Feeding Hills, and Kathleen Bruce of Nashua, New Hampshire; three brothers, Henry, Matthew, and Julian Waniewski; two sisters, Jennie Juzba and Jean Allegro, all of Feeding Hills, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Society at 57 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, MA, 01040.

Normand S. Turcotte

Normand S. Turcotte, 70, of 115 Atwater Road, Springfield, president of Turcotte Manufacturing Inc. of Agawam, died in Baystate Medical Center. He had been associated with the company for 44 years.

Born in Groton, Connecticut, he had lived in Springfield 65 years. He was a communicant of St. Thomas Aquinas Church and was a member of its Parish Council.

He was a member of the Springfield Elks Club and Comite de Vie Franco Americaine and was past president and regional governor of Club Richelieu, both of

He was a member of the Central Connecticut and Western Massachusetts Tool and Die Association and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers

He leaves his wife, the former Cecile R. Hebert of Springfield; three sons, Paul H. of Springfield, Charles F. of South Amherst, and Phillip N. of South Hadley; four brothers, Jerome, Andrew, and Laurence, all of Springfield, Raymond of Westfield, and two grand-

The funeral was held Wednesday morning at St. Pierre Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the St. Thomas Aquinas Organ Fund, 35 Harriet Street, Springfield, 01107.

Mary A. Evans

Mary A. Evans, 87, of Main Street, Agawam, a retired secretary for the federal government in Spr-

ingfield, died in Mercy Hospital.

She lived in Westfield until moving to Agawam two years ago. She was a communicant of St. Mary's Church and was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. She was also a member of the Retired Federal Employees Association.

She leaves two nieces, Kathleen E. Dvorchak of Belchertown and Mary T. Evans of Springfield. The funeral was at Robert E. Cusack Funeral Home

and in the church with burial in the parish cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 57 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, MA, 01040.

Pauline L. Granfield

Pauline L. (Cebrelli) Granfield, 87, of 95 High Street, Agawam, retired quality controller at Strathmore Paper

Company, died in a local nursing home.
Born in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, she lived in Springfield for many years before moving to Agawam 20 years ago. She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church. Her husband, attorney John J. Gran-

field, died in 1970. She leaves two sons, John J. of Westfield and James M. of Manorville, New York; 13 grandchildren and nine

great-grandchildren. The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Eunice D. Johnson

Eunice D. Johnson, 82, of 18 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, a retired director of nursing at Hartford Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, died at home. She retired in 1968.

Born in New Bedford, she moved to Wethersfield, Connecticut in 1956, and had lived in Agawam for 20

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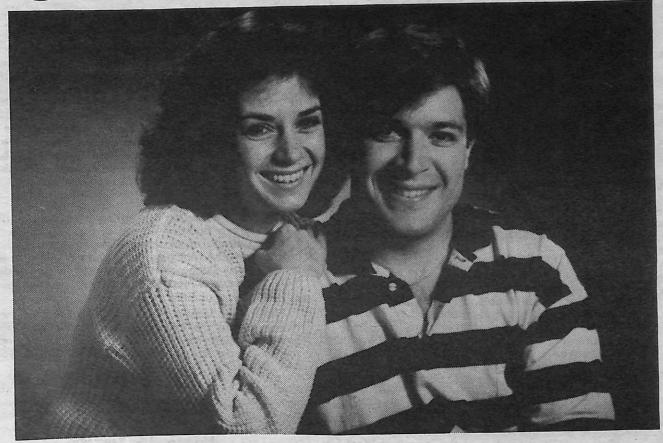
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Surprise Farewell Party Given Karen & Daryl Mallory To Phil & Louise Dupont

A surprise Farewell Party was given for Phil & Louise Dupont of Agawam, Sunday, July 17th, at the Italian Sporting Club, Agawam, by their daughter, Denise, and son, Matt.

Family and friends gathered together to wish them luck in their move to Florida. The Duponts have been residents of Agawam for 31 years.

Their family and friends wish them a safe trip and many, many enjoyable years in their new home in Englewood, Florida.

Annual Sheriff's Clambake Set For August 31st

The 11th Annual Sheriff's Clambake will be held Wednesday, August 31st, at the Riverside Park Picnic Grove, Route 159, Agawam.

Sheriff Michael J. Ashe, Jr.'s annual clambake has become one of the most well-attended political gather-

ings in the state.

The Clambake begins at 11:00 a.m., with hot dogs and hamburgs for lunch, steamers at 3:00 p.m., and a choice between a barbecued steak or barbecued chicken dinner at 5:30 p.m. Recreational activities, from horseshoes to softball, are available throughout

The day will begin with an optimal golf tournament at the Oak Ridge Country club.

Announce Birth Of Child

Karen & Daryl Mallory of Agawam are proud to announce the birth of their second daughter, Paige Lauren, born July 17th.

Paige tipped the scale at 9 pounds and was 22 inches long. Heather Leigh, age 21 months, was just thrilled with her new little baby sister.

Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Mallory and Mr.

& Mrs. Alfred Lottermoser.

The Daniel Beaudette Family **Welcomes New Addition**

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Beaudette of 54 Cecile Street, Agawam, are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Brielle Mirae, who arrived on July 10th, weighing 8 pounds, 3½ ounces. She was welcomed home by her two big brothers, Danny, 8, and Jeffrey, 7.

Her maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs."Carm" DeCosmo of Agawam. Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Leo Beaudette of West Springfield, formerly of

Beth Golemo Engaged To Jim Hirsch Of New Hampshire

Dorothy O'Connell of Westfield and John Golemo of Chicopee announce the engagement of their daughter, Beth Golemo, to Jim Hirsch of Nashua, New Hamp-

Miss Golemo, now a resident of Nashua, New Hampshire, graduated from Springfield College with a bachelor of science degree in psychology and English. She holds a master's degree in Communications from Emerson College. She is a high technology recruiter. The bride-elect grew up in Agawam and is a 1981 graduate of Agawam High School.

The groom-to-be is pursuing his bachelor of science degree in management at Northeastern University. He is an engineering facility manager and senior field engineer at Raytheon Company.

A September wedding in Agawam is planned at St. John's Church, with a reception to follow at the Carriage House at Storrowton Tavern.

Nancy Brusseau Wed To **Robert Benisni Of Connecticut**

Miss Nancy Brusseau, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Brusseau of 68 Beekman Drive, Agawam, became the bride of Robert Benisni on July 23rd in South Congregational Church, East Hartford, Connecticut.

Parents of the bridegroom are Dorothy Benisni of

Meriden, Connecticut, and the late Louis Benisni. Terri Afflitto attended the bride as matron of honor. Mark Stender served as best man.

The bride graduated from Agawam High School and Western New England College. She is a senior programmer and analyst at Travelers Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut.

The bridegroom graduated from Lyman Hall High School, Wallingford, Connecticut, and the University of Maryland. He is a manager of data processing at Travelers Insurance Company.

Paul & Ida Avery Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Paul E. & Ida R. (Diekhaus) Avery of 20 Robin Lane, Feeding Hills, were honored by their children Barbara, Paul Jr., and Ann, on their 25th anniversary July 23rd at a dinner at Betty's in Agawam.

Also included in the celebration were their very close and best friends Terry & Joan Egan, Roy & Jean Giordano and their children, Joanna, Jessica, and Jamie, along with soon-to-become a member of the family, Luis Larriu.

Paul & Ida were married July 20th, 1963 at St. Theresa's Church in Agawam.

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Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet August 5th

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Father Anthony Parcheski, C.S.S., opens the event with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Members recite both evening and morning plrayers, in private and public, closing with Benediction at 6:00 a.m.
Assisting Father Parcheski are Robert Lodi, chair-

man of St. Ann's membership, and William Koob, the

group's leader and arrangements.

Membership is open to all Catholic men and women who are anxious to bring a new and voluntary spiritual dimension into their lives; to provide a human response to Christ's very human plea for comfort and support in the night of His agony in Gethsemanie; "Watch with me... "; to unite in prayer and sacrifice in the Blessed Sacrament; and with Him, through Him, and in Him, to give adoration and reparation to God the Father; and to make its members witnesses of the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, and instruments of Special Graces and Presence.

Services are open to all who wish to participate. Prospective members should call Robert Lodi, 734-4386; William Koob, 786-7286; and Louis J. Gallerani, president, 739-5720.

Dr. Tina Ross Slated To Teach Yoga Classes On Tuesdays

Agawam Chiropractor Dr. Tina Ross will be teaching Yoga Classes at the Slendersize Fitness Center, 377 Walnut Street Extension, Agawam, every Tuesday at 12:00 noon, beginning Tuesday, August

Yoga is a wonderful way to stretch, strengthen, and tone your body. Dr. Ross is a certified Yoga instructor and will be able to help tailor the exercise to your body type or limitations.

Yoga is for men and women of all ages. This class is open to the community. Classes are \$3.75. Wear comfortable clothes that allow you to move easily.

Call 789-3660 for more information.

Beginning in September, Dr. Ross will also be teaching Tuesday evening classes at 7:15 p.m., at Slendersize Fitness Center.

Post Office Employees Receive Service Awards



FEEDING HILLS POST OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR WALTER CIASCHINI (right) and John Bennett, superintendent of Postal Operations (left), present distinguished service awards to employees Shirley Taylor and Clara Waniewski, Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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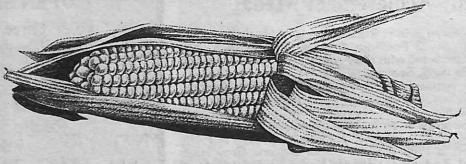
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Mammoth Fall Home Show Planned At Big E In November Graduates Naval War College

A mammoth fall home and better living show will be held November 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th in the Better Living Center at the Eastern States Exposition.

The Western New England Fall Home and Better Living Show, under the management of All Seasons Promotions, Inc., producers of home shows throughout the northeast, and with the cooperation and assistance of the Western Massachusetts Local Association of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI), will cover home construction, home improvement, and home remodeling.

NARI, as it is known throughout the country, has been dedicated to the remodeling industry in the U.S.A. for 46 years and their expertise in that and related areas will greatly enhance the fall show's content. In addition to the remodeling, building, decorating, repairing, and improving aspects of the fall show, there will also be a great emphasis on the real estate and home furnishings facets as well.

The novel idea of a new fall home and better living show has already proven to be a popular one as evidenced by the fact that 60 percent of available booth space has already been reserved for the November '88 four-day event!

The show will give exhibitors an opportunity to participate in pre-holiday season merchandising and sales and give consumers a chance to get the jump on their remodeling, repair, home decorating, and improve-

For information concerning this promotion, call 732-6024.

Gala Town Parade Part Of **Immaculate Conception Gala**

The Annual Gala Town Parade sponsored by Immaculate Conception Parish, Main Street, West Springfield, will be held on Friday evening, August 5th, at 6:30 p.m., starting from Veterans Field, proceeding down Kings Highway, Elm Street, around the Town Common, and down Main Street to the parish grounds. An impressive line-up of marchers and musical groups have been contacted by Parade Chairwoman Margaret Baker. They include The Royal Columbians of Chicopee, Marquis of Granby; Immaculate Conception Women's Club and CCD Classes, Bingo workers, Riverdale Gardens bus and Kitchen Band, West Springfield Park and Recreation, The Rollaway of Riverdale Gardens bus and Kitchen Band, West Springfield Park and Recreation, The Rollaway of Agawam, Spirit of '76 of Holyoke, American Legion Band from Northampton, Barcomb Trowbridge Post 6714 and Ladies Auxiliary of West Springfield, The Zenith Color Guard, van for Teamsters 404, Peter Pan Bus Company's first bus, Kamp for Kids float and wheel chair participants, 14 antique cars from the West Springfield Antique Car Club, and Pockets the Clown

Visiting dignitaries led by Pastor Timothy Hallahan are Senator Linda Melconian, Representative Walter DeFilippi, Police Chief Thomas McNamara, Fire Chief John Flaherty, and Town Clerk Diane Foley.

Over 200 Shriners from the Melha Temple will be a colorful feature as always with their drum corps, bands, cars, and cycles.

The parade steps off at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Las Vegas Night in the Immaculate Conception School auditorium at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome. The entrance fee is \$2 with games of chance for all.

Sgt. Kevin Robinson Awarded **Army Achievement Medal**

Sergeant Kevin F. Robinson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Warren of 23 Fordham Avenue, Feeding Hills, has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal at Fort Benning, Georgia.

The Achievement Medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other accomplishments.

Robinson is an armor crew member with the 69th Ar-

He is a 1980 graduate of Leland and Gray High School, Townsend, Vermont, and a 1985 graduate of Castleton State College, Vermont.

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Army Maj. Robert Greene

Army Major Robert T. Greene, son of Richard T. & Margrit Greene of 23 Maryland Street, South Burlington, Vermont, has graduated from the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island.

The course emphasizes the study of national security policy formation. Students study military, economic, scientific, political, and other topics which affect the formulation and conduct of national security policy

Each class is attended by senior officers from all branches of service including civilian executives from various governmental agencies. Those who attended the course were selected for their performance and future potential.

His wife, Irene, is the daughter of Sophie Karakla of 826 South West Street, Feeding Hills.

Greene is a 1968 graduate of South Burlington High School. He also received a master's degree in 1983 from Rider College, Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

Sherrif Ashe To Host Annual Softball Charity Tournament

Hampden County Sheriff Michael J. Ashe, Jr., a past president of the Massachusetts Sheriff's Association, will host this year's annual Massachusetts Sheriff's Charity Softball Tournament.

The tournament will be held Saturday, September 10th, at Borgatti Field on River Road, Agawam. The double elimination tournament begins early in the morning and ends with the championship game in late

The Hampden County team won last year's tournament and Sheriff's Department teams from throughout the state will be attempting to unseat the local team and bring the winner's trophy back to their counties for the year. Proceeds for team entrance fees to the tournament are donated to the charity of the host depart-

ment's choice, every year.

Hampden County House of Correction Captain John Opitz, Jr., who coached last year's state champions, has the dual role of coaching this year's team and coordinating the tournament.

The public is invited to attend. Admission is free.



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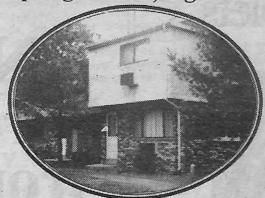
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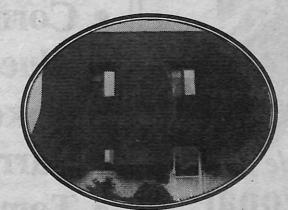
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and nervous system.

Yet, it is in the first few years of childhood that serious structural problems of the spine have their beginnings. We see subluxations, fixations, spinal curvatures and other structural distortions beginning in infancy. Before the body accommodates itself to these maladies, in early childhood, they can be easily and effectively corrected. The child's growing spine is very susceptible to the bumps and falls he experiences during toddlerhood. Even a difficult birth process, during which abnormal stretching and pulling on the head and neck happens, may result in the first misalignment in the spine.

Children suffer from a variety of ailments which in many cases respond well to chiropractic care. Oftentimes the symptom rather than the underlying cause is being treated with the medication. Instead, the

health problem is a malfunctioning nervous system. The doctor of chiropractic corrects the underlying cause and the symptoms vanish without the need of medications which may have serious harmful side ef-

Some of the more common ailments responding well to chiropractic care are bedwetting, hyperactivity, spine or back problems including scoliosis and

neadaches. 1986 graduate of Agawam High and is a junior at Westfield State College. now open. Please turn regarding the Order of the to Page 5...



The 63rd Grand Assembly of Massachusetts International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, held its annual session recently at the Springfield Civic Center, recognizing scholastic excellence, leadership ability and community service.

Karen Wright, Past Worthy Advisor of West Springfield Assembly 79 was installed as Grand Recorder for 1988-89, and also received a \$500 grand assembly scholar-ship. Karen is a 1988 National Honor Society graduate of Agawam High School and will attend Quinnipiac College.

Also receiving a \$500 Grand Assembly Scholarship was Jennifer Beaulieu, Past Worthy Advisor. Jennifer is a 1988 Pro Merito graduate of Agawam High who will attend Bay Path Jr. Col-

Beth Beaulieu, Past Worothy Advisor, has been awarded the Grand Cross of Color for community, church, and fraternal service. Beth is a

For further information Rainbow for Girls, you may contact Jane Wright, 786-1438.



RECEIVING AWARDS at the 63rd Grand Assembly of Massachusetts International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Springfield were, from left - Jennifer Beaulieu, Beth Beaulieu, and Karen Wright. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Free Diabetic Classes At Providence Hospital

The Providence Hospital Diabetic Teaching Program will present a series of free classes beginning Friday, August 5th, at 7:00 p.m., in the hospital con-

Mary Ellen Strzempko, R.N., C.D.E., Diabetic Teaching Nurse, said classes are open to all diabetics, their families and the public. No advanced registration

Mrs. Strzempko also runs the hospital's blood sugar level testing on the first Thursday of every month. The next one will be held on August 11th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in the auditorium. Those taking the test must fast from midnight. No advanced registration is necessary. A \$2 donation is asked to cover some of the costs.

The August diabetic class schedule is as follows: August 5th-An explanation of diabetes for diabetics including signs and symptoms. August 12th-Administration of insulin, reactions,

oral medications and signs of shock and coma. August 19th-Blood and urine glucose monitoring, more shock and coma discussion and Dr. Robert Fleischner, Springfield podiatrist, will discuss foot

August 26th-Cathy Menard, R.D., Clinical Dietitian, will discuss diet and the entire program will be reviewed.

A question and answer period is part of each class. Persons with questions may contact Mrs. Strzempko at the hospital, 539-2938.

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Thursday, August 5th "Festive Weekend" Immaculate Conception Church Main Street, West Springfield

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Thursday, August 18th Country Western "Hoe-Down" Agawam Senior Center 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 28th 1st Annual Tim Sunstrom Open Agawam Country Club Tee-Offs In Morning with Smorg At John Boyle O'Reilly Club In Springfield To Follow

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Victorian Home Exhibit At Historic Museum

Take a walk with one of the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum's curators through the Museum's newest exhibit, Valley Victorians: Springfield Area Homes of the 19th Century, Tuesday evening, August 16th from 7.00 to 2.00 and 16th Connecticut Valley 16th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

Enjoy a personal presentation of the Victorian exteriors and interiors on display. Many of these buildings are still standing today as some of the Valley's finest homes and work places. After this inside look at Springfield during Victorian times, watch a video showing how Victorian homes developed all

across the country during this "Golden Age."

Is it Gingerbread, Gothic, or Georgian you ask? Join us to find your favorite Valley Victorian.

Tour size is limited to the first 20 people to arrive at the Museum on the night of the tour. There is no charge for this special evening tour of Valley Victorians. Donations to the Museum are strongly encouraged. For more information, please contact the Museum, 732-3080.

"Valley Victorians: Springfield Area Homes of the 19th Century" will be on view through June 15th, 1989. The exhibition is sponsored by Sunshine Art Studios of Springfield, with contributions from the Springfield Women's Club and special gifts from Springfield Library and Museums Association members.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.



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Recognizing Our Dead From Revolution!

One day during the summer of 1987 we received a phone call from Doug Blanchard, secretary of the George Washington Chapter, Society of Sons of the American Revolution.

Blanchard inquired if we had any information relative to American Revolution soldiers buried at the Old Feeding Hills Burial Ground. Replying we had, we agreed to meet members of the Society at the site that Sunday morning.

It was at this time we were informed that the local chapter was planning a brief but colorful ceremony at the site, perhaps in April or shortly thereafter. The purpose for this occasion was to honor the Revolutionary soldiers buried at the site.

We were well aware that Agawam student John Manning had done a complete and accurate survey of town and village burial grounds, under the careful supervision of Agawam elementary teacher Ann Bradford, a dedicated member of our teaching profession. Armed with this valuable information and what we were able to provide, the local chapter officers stated their intentions to hold an official ceremony at the local burial grounds

We were delighted since we are well aware that such distinction is a worthy recognition for any town! Thanks to publisher Ric Sardella and The Agawam Advertiser News, this ceremony was well covered. Apart from this, little recognition was given the program that truly was very much in keeping with the true meaning of the Fourth of July!

"Yankee Doodle Went To Town...

We may be justly proud of the number of local men (and boys) who marched to "tweak the British bulldog's nose" from the beginning of our War of In-dependence. Although resident Andy Gallano's 1962 Veteran's Account listed many of these Revolutionary veterans, the fact remains that there are probably others whose name does not appear.

Unfortunately, along with this number of unmarked soldiers, there is no account for such veterans located in the Feeding Hills Pine Street site, the Lost Cemetery site, or Springfield Street Cemetery. Hopefully, the extensive survey completed by young student John Manning might prove otherwise!

In any event, the fact remains that our town and village certainly can account for a sizeable number of these Revolutionary soldiers. In this, we must take pride! It's small wonder that the George Washington Chapter selected the Old Feeding Hills Burial Grounds for such a memorable event.

Once again we suggest that our readers might take a quiet stroll through the town and village burial sites. Such an expedition would prove of interest beyond the imagination and certainly, provide a pleasant interlude from the complexities of our modern society.

Although we do not claim that our accounts are complete, we do know that the village burial grounds has no less than 16 Revolutionary veterans, including such worthy citizens as Captain Samuel Flower, Private Justin Granger, David Morley, Jessie McIntire, and Joseph Phelan.

Insofar as the Gallano Report is concerned, we can attribute our local town and village burial grounds as having at least 42 Revolutionary veterans, not counting unmarked sites! Not bad for the size of Agawam (West Springfield) in 1776. Better yet, town historian Edith LaFrancis' town history presents an interesting chapter devoted to such veterans!

Local Student Properly Recognized

In this local ceremony, the Society of Sons of the American Revolution not only honored our town, but extended their recognition to an Agawam student, John Manning, who devoted considerable time and effort in fulfilling a long time endeavor to properly identify those Revolutionary soldiers in local burial

In this respect, we would like to pay homage to young John Manning for putting his time to good use! Far too often we hear or read of the misdeeds of our

younger generation. At last, tribute is paid to one of the majority of our young people who rose above the daily trials and tribulations of a hectic world! Congratulations John Manning, and to your parents, John & Helen Manning!

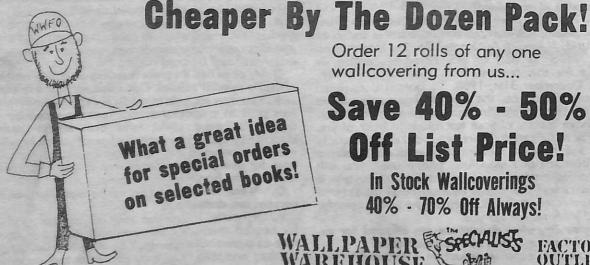
Nor should we forget to acknowledge the caretakers of this sacred burial grounds, along with an exemplary staff of Agawam police officers. It is because of their constant vigilence and efforts that our cemeteries have not suffered the vandalism that plagues so many of similar burial sites outside our town.

In a final word, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to Roy Powers and the members of the George Washington Chapter, S.A.R., to local police officer, Rick Curry, and his friend, Ed Gillis, for offering their bagpiping talent for this occasion!



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Storrowton Village Needs Volunteers For 12-Day Big E Run

Storrowton Village, West Springfield, is looking for volunteers to assist with the many activities scheduled for The Big E, September 14th to 25th.

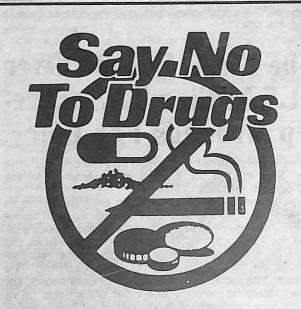
The Village is an exciting place at this time with many events and festivities planned, such as childrens' games on the green, concerts in the Gazebo, wine garden entertainment, and crafts demonstrations.

Volunteers are needed for these activities as well as the day-to-day operations of the authentic 19th century

Volunteers are required to complete a short training period prior to The Big E. During the fair, volunteers must be able to work 20 hours, broken into five, fourhour shifts.

Volunteers will be trained as tour guides and will learn about 19th century lifestyles. They will act as hosts and hostesses and also staff the Potter General Store. Volunteers with longer term interests in the Village have the opportunity to be trained in such crafts as open hearth cooking, broom making, carpentry, and blacksmithing, as well as special school pro-

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SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

Richard Curran Joins **Board of Directors Of** Mass. Funeral Asso.

The Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association has announced the election of Richard Curran of the Curran-Jones Funeral Homes of West Springfield and Agawam, as a member of their Board of Directors.

Representing the MFDA's Western District of Massachusetts, Curran has been funeral director of Curran-Jones and licensed embalmer for 30 years. He holds professional affiliations with the National Selected Morticians, and the National Funeral Director's Association.

Also elected from the Western District of Massachusetts was Ronald Harrell of the Harrell Funeral Home of Springfield.

Installed as president was Cynthia F. Bryant of the John C. Bryant Funeral Home of Wayland. Ms. Bryant is the MFDA's 85th president, and the first woman to

The Big E Spends Over \$1.5 Million To Spruce-Up Grounds For Fair

The Eastern States Exposition has allocated a little over \$1.5 million for capital improvements to the 175-acre fairgrounds.

The expenditures are part of an on-going effort to keep the West Springfield facility attractive and up-todate for the one million plus fairgoers who annually attend the 12-day Big E. The grounds also serve as the home of many other events throughout the year, including the American Craft Council Craftfair, The Western Massachusetts Home Show, horse shows, car shows, camping exhibits, and other attractions, all of which draw hundreds of thousands of visitors.

Behind the scenes improvements completed throughout the year not only enhance the grounds, they also contribute to the economic well-being of the area since the Exposition officials prefer to contract with local firms for various supplies and services.

Major renovations to the Brooks Administration Building were recently completed. Built in 1949 and last renovated in 1959, the building now sports a new portico which houses an elevator; balcony and storage area. The \$1.1 million project includes handicap restrooms and entrance ramps. The interior was gutted and re-designed to reflect a more efficient use of office

Other capital improvements include such projects

Continued beautification of the grounds with additional landscaping in many areas including the south side of the Brooks Building.

- Additional drinking fountains installed in several

-Doubling the number of handicap parking spaces at Gate 9A.

Relocating the Miller Bandshell directly in front of the Coliseum and purchasing additional bleachers to create a larger area for more people to sit and enjoy the shows

ional bleachers and trash barrels, 50 picnic tables and umbrellas and 100 park benches were also obtained for fairgoers' comfort and convenience.

 A new gazebo-style information booth opposite the Massachusetts building to provide service for the

 Additional signs on major highways directing travelers to The Big E, plus additional signs on the fairgrounds to guide visitors to the many special attractions and facilities available at fairtime. Continued upgrading of fire alarms and sprinklers

throughout the grounds to ensure safety for all. -General upgrading of all the buildings.

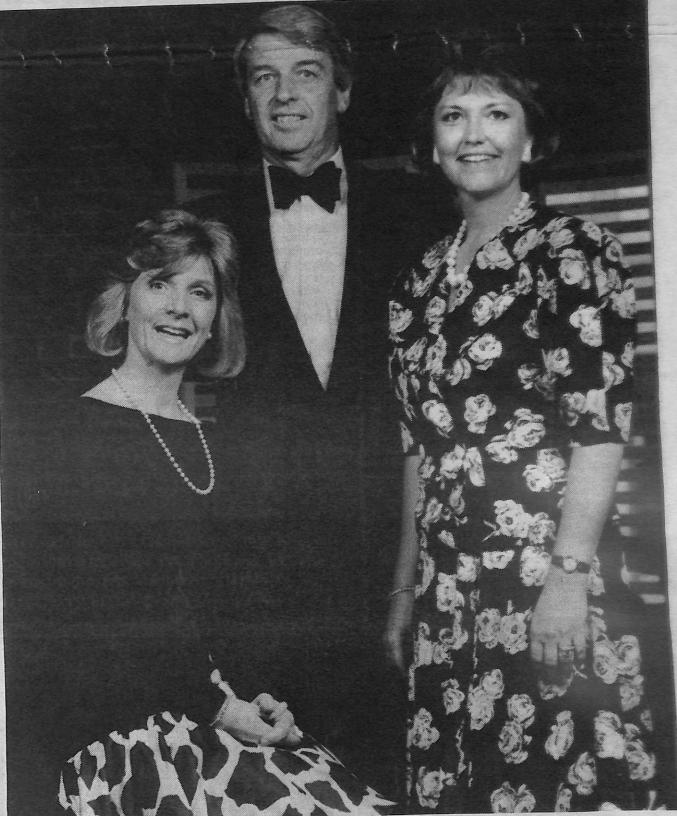
 On-going improvements to The Big E Coliseum including more new seats. Renovating restrooms in "C" Barn, a major horse

complex -Installation of an emergency generator in the Better Living Center as a public safety precaution.

-Improvements to various areas of historic Storrowton Village.

Continued improvements have helped make the Big E what it is today—one of the most appealing among the top 10 fairs in the nation.

This year's Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," is scheduled September 14th-25th.



RICHARD CURRAN, owner of Curran-Jones Funeral Homes, has been elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association. In photo with Curran are his wife, Brenda Curran (right), and Cynthia Bryant of the John C. Bryant Funeral Home, Wayland, association president.

Offers More Tips & How-To's

Q. It has been several weeks since I filed my tax return, but I still don't have my refund. How can I check on the status of my refund?

A. If it has been more than 10 weeks since you filed your tax return, you can call to find out the status of your refund. A special Automated Refund Information System, which is part of IRS Tele-Tax service, is available for this purpose from March 15th, 1988, through December 31st, 1988. To obtain automated refund information, call the IRS Tele-Tax number listed in your tax package or in your phone directory. You should have a copy of your tax return in front of you before you make this call to refer to your social security number and the exact amount of your refund. If you are a push-button (tone signaling) phone user, you will hear recorded instructions on how to use the system. If you are a rotary (dial) or push-button (pulse dial) phone user, you will reach an IRS operator who will access the recorded information for you.

Q. Generally, what deductions are allowed for expenses paid to care for a handicapped child?

A. A medical expense deduction is allowed for expenses paid for the care of the child's physical or mental illness. Some disabled dependent care expenses may qualify as work-related for the child dependent care credit and also as medical expense, but can only be claimed once on your return. You should get Publication 503, Child and Dependent Care Credit, and Employment Taxes for Household Employers, if your disabled dependent care expenses are work-related. Q. Can anyone claim a deduction for medical ex-

penses paid for a handicapped child? A. Only taxpayers who itemize deductions and have medical expenses which exceed / .3 pe ent of their adjusted gross income can deduct medical expenses. The

expenses must be paid during the tax year. Q. My child has a severe learning disability and must attend a special school. Can I deduct that expense?

A. You may include in medical expenses any tuition fees paid to a special school recommended by your doctor for your child who has severe learning disabilities caused by a mental or physical handicap. including nervous disorders, provided the main purpose for using the school is that it has resources for relieving the handicap or disorder.

Q. What transportation expenses for medical reasons are deductible?

A. Generally, if you use your car for transportation for needed medical care, you may deduct 9 cents a mile as a medical expense. You may also deduct parking fees and tolls. You may deduct actual expenses if you choose not to use the standard 9 cent deduction, If you did not use your car, you may deduct amounts

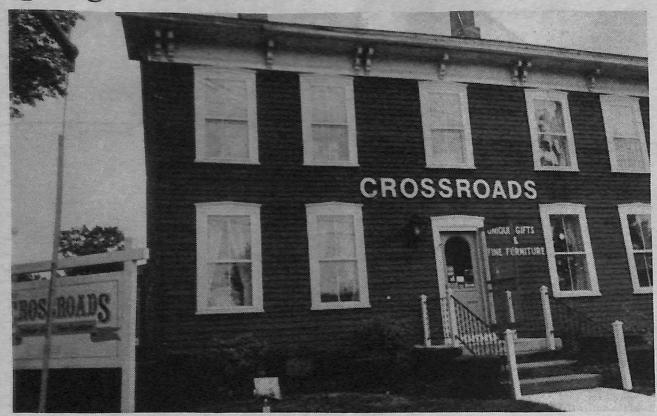
paid for bus, taxi, train, or plane fare.

Q. Is there anything I can read on special tax situ tions for the handicapped and their families?

A. Yes, you can request free Publication 907. Tax Information for Handicapped and Disabled Individuals.

For all the hometown news, townsfolk turn our pages

Spotlight On Business - continued...



CROSSROADS FURNITURE STORE is located in a historic two-story showroom in Feeding Hills Center, at the crossroads - corner of Springfield Street/Southwick Street/South Westfield Street/North Westfield Street. Owners of the store are Dave Paradysz and Larry Rinaldi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Champagne Dry Wall Ronald Champagne, Owner

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CROSSROADS
employee Pat
Sheehan shows-off
kitchen sets (above)
and one of the
many outstanding
grandfather clocks
now on sale at the
store. Advertiser News
photos by Jack Devine.

Crossroads Furniture Has Reputation For Quality & Service

by Christine Piesyk Advertiser News Staff

Fine period reproductions. Oriental rugs and runners. Lamps. Mirrors. Accessories to keep in concert with the styles of furniture offered in a dozen rooms throughout the house.

That's **Crossroads Furniture**, a two-story showroom from the Colonial Period guaranteed to please the discerning shopper. Located at the corner of Route 57 and 187 (North Westfield Street), the shop is owned and operated by Dave Paradysz and Larry Rinaldi of Feeding Hills.

A stroll from room to room reveals comfortably elegant furniture a family can live with—pieces that not only look well but wear well. The owners maintain three additional warehouses of stock, ready to meet a customer's every need. Special orders of merchandise are easily accommodated.

The second floor hallway is the display area for a wide variety of grandfather clocks, a favorite item in this shop.

But the more unusual items include an oak banker's chair and an intricately-carved wooden office chair with leather seat that offers comfort beyond belief (along with a look and style almost alien to the modern office concept).

Of course, there's a roll-top desk to go along with it. Topping off that scenario is a hand-crafted candy server in natural wood that dispenses—a handful at a time—gumdrops, jelly beans, or peanuts (or whatever the sweet tooth craves).

Since their 1979 opening, the owners have acquired an increasingly large number of limited edition prints and artwork to create moods and images that complement the furnishings.

Crossroads offers design services to help buyers plan their decor and they offer free delivery set-up and installation of all furnishings. They also accept layaways of merchandise.

Crossroads is open Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

In addition to its tent sale running through the end of this month, Grossroads offer quality selections year round. It will be hard to leave this shop without making at least one purchase.





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News, Activities At Heritage Hall Campus

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK
Myrtle Prince

Myrtle Prince was born in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1906. She moved to the Springfield area when she was 12 years-old. After her marriage, she worked and raised two children.

She was a dental hygienist for several years. Myrtle was also a bookkeeper for the Springfield Housing Authority, retiring in 1975. Called out of retirement, she graciously accepted and worked for the Housing Authority for three more years.

Myrtle has two daughters. June is a teacher of Greek and Latin in Vermont. Bernice is associated with a computer processing office in New York. She also has five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She remains an active member in the Jehovah's Witness Church. Her special interests include arts and crafts, crossword puzzles, and Agatha Christie mysteries. Myrtle continues to participate in numerous programs and social functions at Heritage Hall.

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK
Dorothy Scaring

Dorothy Scaring was born in New York City on September 19th, 1894. She is of German ancestry. She married Robert Scaring in June, 1904 and moved to the Springfield area.

She resided in the Springfield area for 62 years. She was a mother and homemaker all of her life, raising two daughters. Now married, Louise O'Neil resides in Springfield and Shirley Marcil lives in Agawam.

Dorothy's hobbies throughout the years have been singing and gardening. She continues to lead an active life at Heritage Hall. Heritage Hall is proud to have Dorothy as a member of its family.

Friday, July 15th, was a day that many Heritage Hall residents looked forward to for weeks! It was our resident and staff picnic. The entire week had been very hot and humid. We had debated about postponing our picnic. The weather, however, fully cooperated and we had a day with beautiful, clear sunny skies, a summer

breeze, and very low humidity.

Tables were set up on the grass under the shady trees. The residents were very comfortable and luncheon orders were taken by the staff. The dietary department prepared a delicious picnic menu. Hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, and potato salad were in abundance. Also on hand were lettuce, potato chips, sliced onions, and tomatoes. Rounding out the menu for dessert: watermelon and sherbert popsicles.

Also treated to this delightful cuisine were all of the Heritage Hall employees on duty, plus several visiting members of our residents' families. We are all eagerly awaiting our next picnic.

Let's Keep Moving!

Exercise for the elderly is finally being highlighted after many years of neglect. People are now recognizing that maintaining physical fitness in our later years is a key factor towards a long and active life.

Governor Michael Dukakis has organized the "Keep Moving" program. One facet of this innovative concept being promoted is walking at your own pace and distance. The key is to get the exercise.

The Agawam Senior Center is an advocate of the local chapter of the "Keep Moving" program. Jim White, active in the center, is a certified "Keep Moving" leader. He has graciously volunteered to guide the residents of Heritage Hall.

Jim is helping us to find our own individual pace and to establish comfortable limits to insure peak fitness. We are all aware that exercise, done improperly, can be detrimental to one's health

be detrimental to one's health.

Thanks to Jim, the "Keep Moving" program is not only a healthy activity, but a happy one.

Storrowton Village Exhibits 19th Century Razors

Nineteenth century straight razors are now on exhibit until November in the Eddy Law Office at Storrowton Village located on the Eastern States Exposition grounds, West Springfield. Vernon Phelps curatorial assistant at the Village, designed and installed the exhibit.

The exhibit displays straight razors at different stages throughout the 19th century when technology was changing. The straight razors went through a number of changes before they were replaced with disposable razors. Early razors made of "cast steel" which was invented in 1740 in Sheffield, England was later substituted with Solingen Steel. In the 1820's, a small shoulder was added to the wedge blades to keep fingers from slipping. Handles were of natural materials until the 1870's when they were replaced with new synthetic materials and the last improvement was in 1914 with the invention of stainless steel.

The Law Office is also the home of a small collection.

The Law Office is also the home of a small collection of calling cards used by 19th century ladies when calling on people. Similar to today's business card, calling cards were fancy hand done and printed.

Village visitors who are herb enthusiasts will want to visit Aunt Helen's Herb Garden, located behind the Gilbert House to see how many varieties they can iden-

tify.

Storrowton Village buildings and exhibits can be seen Monday through Friday between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and every day throughout the Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," September 14th to 25th.

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MYRTLE PRINCE



DOROTHY SCARING

Golden Age Club's August Calendar

August 3rd: Chapter 1 — Annual Picnic at Stanley Park, dinner at noon.

August 3rd: Chapter 2—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with a discussion by Kathy Buckley about the Senior Class at the Bay State Medical Center.

August 4th: Chapter 1 – Dinner Board meeting. Time and place will be announced.

August 5th: Chapter 2—Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m., at the Senior Center.

August 10th: Chapter—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with gift bingo.

August 11th: Chapter 2—Annual Picnic at Stanley Park, dinner at noon.

August 17th: Chapter 1 — Trip to the Saratoga races.

August 17th: Chapter 2—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with Detective Wayne Macey.

August 24th: Chapter 1 – Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with a hat contest

August 31st: Chapter 2—Trip to Kelly's in the Poconos-Italian Fiesta. Three days, returning Friday night.

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photo - Linda Cone, Barbara Washington,

graduated its nurses aides class. Pictured in top

HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME

Agawam Senior Center News, Activities At

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August 9th, Tuesday: Trip: Manhattan p.m., Senior Center Video "Special Events." August 8th, Monday: 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., by appointment.

August 13th, Saturday: 6:30 p.m. Bingo. Sylvester Stallone. Free popcorn and punch. "Movie Day," 12:30 p.m., "Rocky I" with August 11th, Thursday: Senior Center Island Luncheon Cruise.

August 16th, Tuesday: Blood pressure, p.m., Senior Center Video "Special Events." August 15th, Monday: 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 Doors open at 5:15 p.m.

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August 25th, Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 .m.q food distribution.

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reservations, please call 786-0400, extension our van drivers. For more information and and available at the Senior Center or through and the handicapped only. Donations are \$2, Transportation will be available for seniors chair and get ready for "Hoe-Down" time. naturally. Bring your blanket or your lawn those "square dancers" do what comes grill, Plan on tappin your toes when you see cuz thar will be good food available at the plan on bringing your Texas appetite, partner, friends are invited to this special event and begins at 5:30 p.m., featuring "Country and Spurs" with Bernie Whittle. Seniors and under the stars on August 18th. The fun Come have a taste of "Country Western"

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Heritage Hall Makes Its Own Gourmet Ice Cream





BEFORE A RECENT ICE CREAM SOCIAL could be held at Heritage Hall Nursing Home, residents were asked to make the cool summer treat. In photo left, Jeannette Marcella and Bridge O'Neil mix the ingredients in large bowls; in photo right, Ed Abar and Charles Mercer use a blender to further prepare their gourmet ice cream. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Check our classifieds...

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Q. What causes cavities?

A. Cavities, or caries, most often result from interaction between sugar in the foods we eat and the film of plaque that accumulates on the teeth. Acid formed by the sugar and plaque dissolves tooth enamel, creating cavities. If neglected, decay spreads to the tooth interior and may produce infection.

Avoiding foods and beverages containing sugar reduces the risk of cavities. Twice-a-day brushing helps to control plaque, but flossing also is necessary in order to remove plaque from surfaces like tooth edges which a brush cannot

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Local Democrats Gather To Support Dukakis



AT THE AGAWAM HOME OF LONG-TIME Michael Dukakis supporter, Ruth Zucco (right), a group of local Democrats gathered last week to celebrate his nomination speech for the party's nomination for president. Also in photo are Tony Leger, Tammy Nardi, and Bob Martin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MORE LOCAL DEMOCRATS at the "Dukakis For President" Party, from left - Bruno Zucco, Ed Organek, Nellie Organek, and Sue Nardi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Agawam Golden Agers Gather For



AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB MEMBERS Jennie Montagna and Rose Balboni begin to enjoy their picnic meal at the club's Annual Summer Picnic held recently at the Polish American Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IDA COLLI and BEA PLOWER give photographer Jack Devine big smiles at the Annual Summer Picnic of the Agawam Golden Age Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



WHAT A GREAT MEAL say Agawam Golden Age Club members Marion Mills and Rose Madru. The corn and barbequed chicken were outstanding, Marion told photographer Jack Devine. Advertise News photo by Jack Devine.



PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT on the organ for the large gathering of Agawam Golden Agers at the Annual Summer Picnic at the Polish Club was Michael Kisielewski. Adverther News photo by Jack Devine.

Annual Summer Picnic



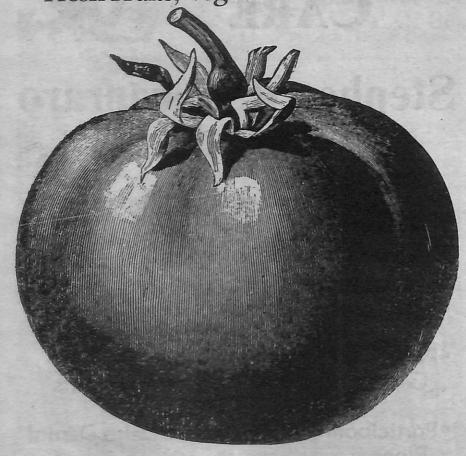
WE WANT MORE! In photo left, Peg and Rose McCobb were so pleased with their meals at the Agawam Golden Ager Club Annual Summer Picnic, they were thinking about going for seconds! IN PHOTO RIGHT, Helen Farquhar and Jenny Juzba assemble the table of door prizes. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Looking Backward - The Old Agawam Police



POLICE CHIEF HEWEY of the Agawam Police Department (back in 1937) inspects his motorcycle team - Dace Paro and Roland Reed.

Volunteer Workshop At Heritage Hall In August

The Volunteer Office of Heritage Hall Nursing Home, Cooper Street, Agawam, will offer a "Volunteer Update" Workshop, on campus, Mondays, during the month of August.

Dates are: Monday, August 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, and respective of the dates, will be held in the East, West, North, and South buildings activity room, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For our friends in the Agawam Community who are

already volunteers, please reserve the date on your calendar. Plan to attend.

If you are interested in becoming a nursing home volunteer, this is a good opportunity to visit, and receive information and literature on what volunteerism is all about.

For more information, please dial 786-8000, Vera Conway, extension 218, or Carol Hess, extension 244. *****

Ag. Chamber To Hold **Outing With West Side**

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce and the West Springfield Chamber of Commerce will hold their Annual Summer Outing, Tuesday, August 16th

The day will begin at Oak Ridge Country Club with an 18-hole round of golf. Tee-off times are from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For reservations for golf, call Jim

Modzelesky at Oak Ridge, 786-9693. At 4:00 p.m., at the West Springfield-Agawam Elks Club the annual softball game between the two chambers will be held. The softball game is open to all chamber members. Bring your gloves and bats.

At 4:30 p.m., beer, wine, soda, cheese, crackers, and kielbasa and clam chowder will be served.

From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., steamed clams will be serv-

At 6:30 p.m., a steak dinner, catered by the Agawam Lions Club, will be served. Included in the meal will be tossed salad, peppers & onions, corn-on-the-cob, and

Entertainment will be provided by Rich Mitnick, Sounds of Music Keyboard, Agawam.

The cost for the golf and complete meal is \$47 per person. This includes greens fees and golf cart as well. Reservations for golf are a must and this must be

Those who will be attending the outing only will pay \$22 per person. The reservation deadline is Friday,

Catholic Women's Club Begins Plans For 50th Anniversary

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will celebrate its 50th anniversary on September 12th, 1988 with a special Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church at 5:30 p.m., followed by cocktails and dinner at the Tivoli Room at Chez Josef.

A large committee consisting of 18 past presidents and 12 from the membership at large has been meeting since November to formulate plans for the upcoming event. Letters of detail have been mailed to the members. Reservations should be made by July 25th. Cancellation date is September 7th.

Penny DeForge is chairwoman of the anniversary celebration, Adele Gallano is co-chairwoman, and Carolyn Capitanio is historian. Jacqueline Hayes, club president, is honorary chairwoman.

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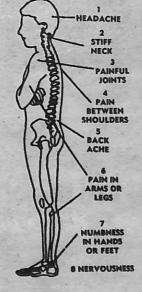
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Rob Thomas Returns From Supremes Gig

Agawam musician Rob Thomas, a 1979 graduate of Agawam High, recently returned from a one-week engagement in Helsinki, Finland, where he performed with the world renowned "Supremes."

Thomas played bass for the group because the

regular bassist was unable to accompany the band. "The Supremes" played five scheduled shows, including the 23rd International Pori Jazz Festival.

Opportunity knocked on Thomas' door in a roun-dabout manner through "The Supremes" drummer, Jerome Spearman, who currently resides in West Spr-

Spearman became acquainted with guitarist Steve "Buzzsaw" Ouellette and bassist Tony Impoco—founding members of the local group "Hooker Crook," at a recent battle of the bands sponsored by the Guitar Academy in Agawam.

The three developed a close musical and personal relationship after being introduced by The Guitar Academy's owner, Toney Douglas. Spearman has fre-quently played with "Hooker Crook," oftentimes drumming in conjunction with the group's regular drummer, Jeff Allen.

Spearman approached Ouellette approximately a week before the Finland tour in dire need of a bassist for the upcoming shows. "Rob Thomas was one of the first people who came to mind," Ouellette recalls. "I wanted to offer them ("The Supremes") someone with

ability, availability, and personality."

Availability was one of the key issues and Thomas indicated that it would not be a problem in his situa-

Many telephone calls were made and a nationwide search ensued before Thomas was ultimately chosen over several contenders for the position.

Spearman and Thomas returned July 18th and both noted that the tour was a success. "Rob did one hell of a job," said Spearman, who is also "The Supremes" bandleader. He also indicated that the other members of the group were extremely pleased with Thomas' performance and easy-going personality. Additionally, he mentions that there may be future possibilities for Thomas within "The Supremes" organization.

One of the highlights for Thomas on the tour was his meeting with guitar legend Carlos Santana at the Jazz Festival. During the lengthy conversation between sets, Santana offered words of encouragement to the Agawam musician. Other luminaries that Thomas had the opportunity to meet included Wayne Shorter, Ertha Kitt, Joe Zawinul, and former "Weather Report" bassist Alfonso Johnson.

Spearman will be returning to his native Detroit, Michigan in September, but not without fond memories of the friends that he has found in some of the local musicians. He says that he will remain in contact with Thomas, Ouellette, and members of "Hooker Crook."

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ROB THOMAS OF AGAWAM pictured at the airport with the popular pop group "The Supremes." Thomas recently returned following a one-week engagement in Helsinki, Finland. Thomas played bass for the group because the regular bassist was unable to accompany the band. Thomas is the son of Rene & Irene Thomas of Agawam.

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St. Martha Players Set Auditions For "Grease"

Enfield: St. Martha Players of Enfield, Connecticut, announce auditions for the fall production of "Grease." Auditioners are asked to be prepared to

sing a song and bring their own music. Songs from the show or "50's" type songs are preferred.

Auditions will take place at St. Martha's Hall, Brainard Road, Enfield, Wednesday, August 17th, and Thursday, August 18th, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Parts are excelleble for eight males and eight females. are available for eight males and eight females. Ap-

plicants must be 16 years-old or older. The show will be directed by Robert M. Sylvester, Musical Director Steven D. Cirillo, and Choreographer

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The Marvells To Appear Daily Riverside Park Announces At Eastern States Expo

Big E fairgoers will be treated to a solid gold rock and roll journey back to the days of poodle skirts and bubble gum when popular nightclub, concert and television artists The Marvells appear daily, September 14th-25th, at the Milk Music Caravan Stage.

They will appear in free performances at 1:30, 3:30,

Combining nostalgic music with the comedy and the choreography of the 50's and 60's, The Marvells take their listeners on a trip down memory lane with the tunes of Connie Francis and Sonny and Cher to Little Richard and The Four Seasons.

Accomplished musicians who are nationally famous for their fully-costumed impersonations of such artists as Tina Turner, Prince, and Bette Midler, The Marvells are equally adept at performing today's danceable top

The Marvells combine music and theatrics to produce comedy skits centering around such novelty songs as "Splish Splash (I was Takin' a Bath)," "Ahab the Arab," and "Beep Beep." Their themed medleys offer tributes to the soul of Motown and the girl groups of the 60's to "Lollipops" and "The Duke of Earl."

Among the comedy sketches performed by The

Marvells are the Grease Show, featuring characters right off the streets of the 50's, and the musical troupe's recreation of a high school hop of the 60's. In the Grease Show, The Marvells bring to life such characters as a motorcycle gang leader, nerd, farm boy, pretty boy, the jock, the bobbysoxer, and more. At the Hop, they dress as cheerleaders and dance up a storm from the twist and the mashed potato to the jerk and the locomotion.

According to group members, their newest show is "aimed squarely at yuppies" and highlights the music explosion of the late 60's. Among the acts recreated in the celebration of the Age of Aquarius are the Jefferson Airplane, Mamas and Papas, Jimi Hendrix, Simon and Garfunkel, Three Dog Night, and more.

The Marvells have broken attendance records in almost every nightclub and threatre where they have performed. Their national fan club currently numbers in the thousands with members ranging in age from seven to 70.

Over one million visitors are expected to attend this year's Big E—"New England's Great State Fair," which runs September 14th to 25th.

Day In The Berkshires Planned By Springfield Art Museums

A trip to the Ramesses the Great exhibition, an idyllic day in the Berkshires, and a late-summer jaunt to Lincoln, Rockport, and Gloucester are the August offerings of the Springfield Art Museums' Travel Program. There is still time to sign-up for a seat on any or

all of these fascinating, cultural tours.

A Sunday, August 14th visit to the Ramesses the Great exhibition at the Boston Museum of Science is the perfect way to view this blockbuster show without worrying about tickets or city driving. This display of ancient Egyptian artifacts includes the Colussus of Ramesses, a many-ton, mega-statue that required feats of amazing engineering to set up in Boston.

Summer in New England wouldn't be complete without a visit to Tanglewood and the Mount, home of Edith Wharton. On Saturday, August 6th, travel in airconditioned style to Lenon for a morning of open rehearsal and a picnic lunch on the lush grounds of Tanglewood. Then it's on to The Mount, where

travelers will enjoy an outdoor performance of Shakespeare's Love's Labors Lost.

On Tuesday, August 30th, enjoy a living "sea escape" with a jaunt to the historic towns of Lincoln, Rockport, and Gloucester. Attractions of this latesummer tour will include the historic streets and shops of scenic Rockport, luncheon in one of the many waterfront restaurants in Gloucester, a morning visit to the DeCordova Museum and Park, and an afternoon session at the Cape Ann Historical Association Museum.

For further information, or to sign-up for a trip, call ravel Coordinator Irene Hayward, 733-4214 or Travel Coordinator 736-8956.

Turnverein Singers Compete At Annual Saengerfest

The Men's Singing Section and the Ladies' Glee Club of the Springfield Turnverein recently competed at the Annual Saengerfest of the Connecticut Saengerbund held at Bryant College, Providence, Rhode Island.

A first place plaque was presented to the Men Singers for their presentation of "Jaegerwerben." The Ladies' Glee Club sang "Im Abendrot" and received a second place plaque. The combined group of 35 singers received a first place plaque for "Mein Deutstend" ches Lied."

The groups are under the direction of Fred Hellinger of Wilbraham who has served for 30 years in this

The president of the Men's Singing Section is Kurt Strehl and Marianne Alden is president of the Ladies'

This competition completes the season's singing. The new season begins Wednesday, September 7th. Anyone interested in joining a group that enjoys singing both German and English music is encouraged to contact the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills. Leave your name and telephone number and a member of the group will contact you.

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Budweiser Concert Series

Riverside Park announces the 1988 Budweiser Concert Series with seven exciting concerts including top name entertainers from southern rock to oldies to

classic rock and roll!

The series kicks-off with a concert by Taylor Dayne, July 29th. Ms. Dayne will entertain with her top 40 hits, "Tell it to My Heart," "Prove Your Love," and "I'll Always Love You." August 5th, Riverside and Budweiser present Al B. Sure! A 20 year-old entertainer performing his latest release "Night and Day." And August 13th, it's a night of memorable oldies with Sha-Na-Na. But that's not all! The Budweiser Series continue with Pretty Poison on August 19th. August 21st Starship appears for a special Sunday date. August 26th, Brenda K Star entertains audiences with her top 10 chart hit, "I Still Believe." The series finishes off with southern rockers, The Marshall Tucker Band appearing September 2nd.

All concerts are held at the Riverside Park Stadium at 8:00 p.m. Admission to the park includes the con-

Taylor Dayne Kicks-Off Riverside Concert Series

On Friday, July 29th, the 1988 Budweiser Concert Series kicks off at Riverside Park with a dynamic and powerful entertainer, Taylor Dayne

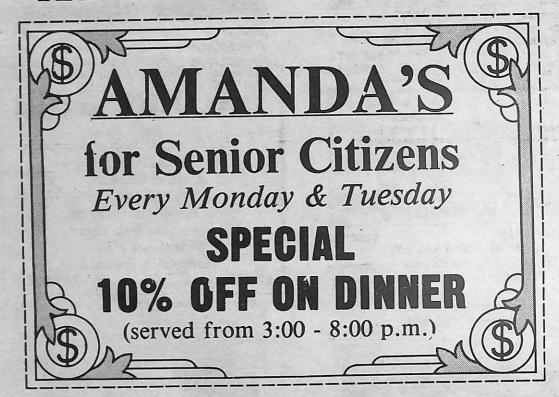
Dayne began singing at the age of six. By the age of 18, she began to sing professionally with cover bands in Long Island which has been her lifelong residency. Two years later she decided to go solo and follow her inclination toward soul and dance music

Her solo career has brought Taylor Dayne a hit album entitled "Tell it to My Hear," which is also the title of her billboard top 10 pop hit. Other hits by Dayne include "Prove Your Love" and her latest release, "I'll Always Love You," which is climbing the

Taylor Dayne will appear live at Riverside Park stadium at 8:00 p.m. The price of admission includes all the rides, shows, and the concert by Taylor Dayne. The Budweiser Concert Series continues with concerts by Al B. Sure!, August 5th; Sha-Na-Na, August 12th; Pretty Poison, August 19th; Starship, August 21st; Brenda K Star, August 26th; and the Marshall Tucker Band, September 2nd.

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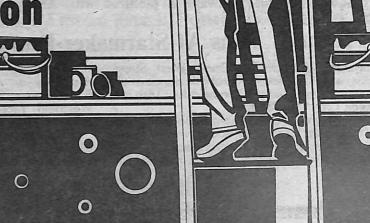
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BETH LACIENSKI of Agawam is pictured with Missy Johnson and Amy Hosmer of Westfield.

Beth Lacienski Wins At Starmaker Dance Competition

Beth Lacienski, 12, of 268 South West Street, Feeding Hills, won first place in acrobatic dance at the 1988 Starmaker Dance Competition held July 16th and 17th in Ocean City, Maryland.

Beth, a seventh grader at Agawam Junior High, was the 1987 Petite Miss Starmaker and gave a farewell performance before crowning her successor.

Sixteen dancers from Dancer's Image, in Westfield,

traveled to the Northeast Regional Competition, where they received many first and second place awards. Beth, Donna Viel, and Liz Cyrankowski, both of Westfield, received the high score award for their acrobatic trio.

All of the dancers are students of Tina Moccio who will be opening a new studio, Dancer's Image II, in Agawam this fall.

Agawam Library Presents Brass Quartet Concert

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to present a free public concert by the New England Brass Quartet on August 2, at 7:00 p.m. on the lawn just outside the library.

The New England Brass Quartet is composed of four musicians who have performed together in various ensembles throughout New England since 1976. The four first began playing together while pursuing music degrees at Westfield State College. After graduating from Westfield State the four went their separate ways until a reunion in 1984 when they decided to get back together to form a professional brass ensemble. Their goal was to form a quartet rather than the more commonly heard brass quartet and explore the challenge of making the two trumpet, two trombone combination an interesting and colorful one.

Recent performances have included concerts on the Norwood Town Common, Lincoln's DeCordova Museum, Fitchburg State College, the Saugus Iron Works Concert Series and at art festivals in Townsend and Westfield, MA. In addition to concerts the NEBQ performs educational programs, wedding ceremonies and religious services throughout New England.

The concert in Agawam, funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Arts Lottery through the Agawam Arts Council, will feature an interesting mix of music from composers such as Bach, Handel, and Mozart, as well as Gilbert & Sullivan, Richard Rogers and George M. Cohan

Audience listeners should bring a lawn chair. In case of rain the concert will be held in the Community Room of the library. For more information and to sign up, please call the library at 789-1550.

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Holyoke Com. College Sets Final Performances Of Play

The Holyoke Community College Division of Continuing Education presents the final three performances of its summer production of *The Matchmaker*.

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THREE MEMBERS OF THE DIALESSI FAMILY of Feeding Hills, Lisa (left), Rosalie, and Daniel performed at the Music Cellar's "Summer Recital." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ALSO PERFORMING at "A Summer Recital" sponsored by The Music Cellar of Agawam were, back row - Brian Farrell, Aaron Orsatti, Joseph Johnson, and Edward Farrell. Seated - Seth Larson and Nicole Agostino. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Locals Named To AIC Dean's List For Spring Semester

American International College named 427 students to the Dean's List for the spring semester. Students who qualified for the Dean's List earned a grade point average of at least 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 points.

The Dean's List is issued by the deans of the schools

of Arts & Sciences, Business Administration, and Psychology & Education as well as by the director of the Division of Nursing.

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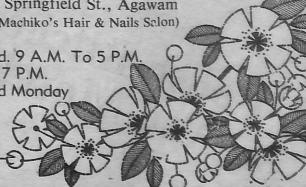
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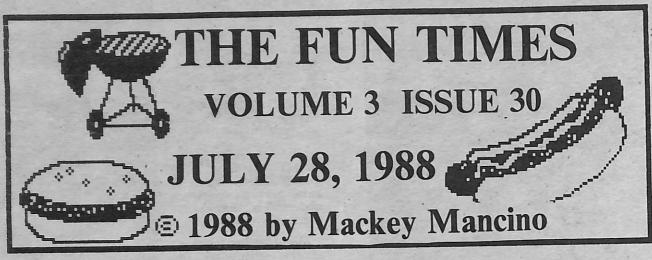
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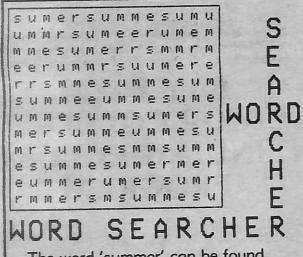


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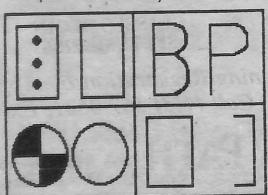
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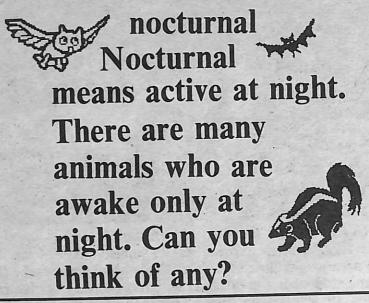


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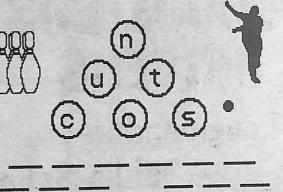


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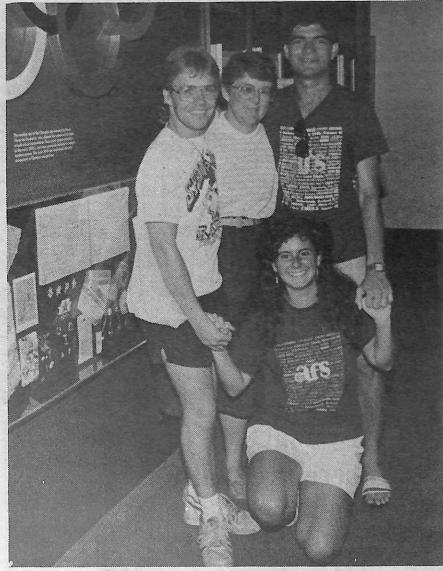
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ONCE AROUND THE PARK (or dance floor in this case) for these Camp Rainbow campers. Adver-

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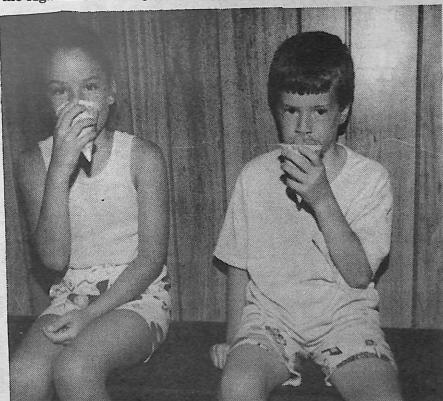
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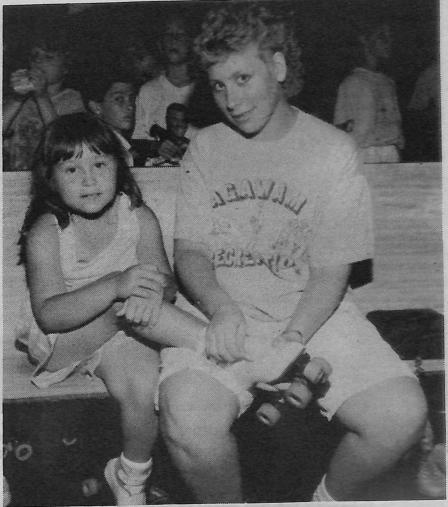
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T.J.'s Sporthouse Splits Twinbill With Jessica's, Polish Club

by Cathy Landry Advertiser News Staff

In a T.J. Sporthouse doubleheader at Shea's Field on Monday, July 25th, Sporthouse split, losing the first game in a 9-3 upset by ninth-place Jessica's Lounge, and pulling off a key 13-5 victory over one of their rivals for the second position in the "B" National Division of the Agawam Men's Slo-Pitch Softball League, Polish Club.

In the first game against Jessica's, Jessica's jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the second inning when Scott Josephson and Pete Sibilia singled. They scored again in the fourth frame with a five-run rally. Jim Egan ledoff the inning with a single. Josephson promptly followed with a two-run homer to rightfield. Pete Sibilia reached on an error. Tom Sibilia and Joe Calvanese singled, Dan Giodiano stroked a sacrifice fly and Bill Egan connected with an RBI single.

T.J.'s finally broke onto the scoreboard in the fifth inning. Until that time, Jessica's pitcher, Dean Vecchiarelli, held T.J.'s to just two hits and no runs over the first four innings. In its one-run fifth, T.J.'s Tom Sipitkowski walked, Mike Zaborowski reached on an error, and Jim Couture singled in the run.

Jessica's put two insurance runs on the board in the sixth with RBI hits by Tom Sibilia and Joe Calvanese.

T.J.'s added two runs on back-to-back doubles by Bill Ferguson and John Lund, and singles by Steve McKeever and Max Stanafter.

Josephson, Bill Egan, Tom Sibilia, and Joe Calvanese each had two hits for Jessica's, who with five games left at presstime, needs them all to pick-up the eighth and final playoff spot in its division.

In the second game, **T.J.**'s had a brilliant come-frombehind victory over **Polish Club**. With two runs in the first inning on hits by Glenn Consolini (single), Ron Kelley (double), and Dom Pisano (single), Polish Club was off to a strong start in this ever-important game for playoff seating.

In the third frame, Polish Club added three more runs and brought its lead to 5-0 this time on singles by Lonny Lottermoser, Pisano, Bob Hadden, and Al Bouley, and a Ron Kelley double.

T.J.'s hit the comeback trail in the fourth inning when it picked-up three runs. Singles by Steve McKeever, Mike Zaborowski, Steve Bell, Stuart Stork, and Bill Ferguson, and a sacrifice fly by Jim Couture, did the trick.

In the fifth frame, T.J.'s tied it up. Fred Perry opened the inning with a single. Lund reached on an error, Tom Sipitkowski had a sacrifice fly, and Zaborowski walked.

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Bad News Bears Prevail; Elbow Rolls

by Cathy Landry Advertiser News Staff

In a battle between two teams who didn't qualify for the upcoming Division B playoffs, the **Bad News Bears** held on to defeat **Kellie's Loft**, 9-7, Tuesday, July 26th, in the Agawam Women's Slo-Pitch Softball League.

Kellie's put a run across in the first inning when the Bears made three errors in the frame. In its half of the inning, Donna Nihill and Nancy Kellogg walked, and Laura Benoit tripled for the Bears to plate two runs.

In the second, consecutive safeties by Diane Roy, Charlotte Vinton, Lisa Meade, followed by a three-base error on Kathy Johnson, gave the Bears a 6-1 advan-

Benoit, Kelly Vinton, and Roy all singled to bring in

However, Kellie's Loft kept pecking away and finally tied it at 7-7 when Peg Buckley tripled-home Lorraine Noonan in its half of the fifth.

The Bears broke the deadlock for good in the sixth when Kellogg singled, Bruso doubled, Kelly Vinton singled, and Roy had a sacrifice fly. Laura Benoit was the winner on the mound for the

Laura Benoit was the winner on the mound for the Bears who were paced by the defensive work of Roy, and double plays with Kelly Vinton and Johnson leading the way

Despite not making the playoffs, Bears coach Nora

Vinton says she's proud of her team. "We may not be the most winning team in the league, but I think we're a great group to be with."

In another Division B game on Tuesday, July 26th, first place **Elbow Lounge** trounced fourth place **Southworth Paper Company**, 11-2.

Elbow started the game strong with four runs in the first. Eilleen Richotte led-off with a single. Dee Circosta doubled, and Deb Doughman, Annette Smith, Karen Ryea, and Kim Silcox each singled to finish-off the scoring.

Southworth put a single run across in the bottom of the first when Jean Bien singled and scored on a Holly Pexor hit that was a four-base error.

In the fifth, Elbow tallied another four runs on singles by Mary Sliech, Richotte, Smith, Ryea, and Silcox.

Beth Beele singled, Circosta doubled, and Doughman doubled-in Elbow's two-run sixth inning. In the seventh, Elbow scored its 11th and final run of the rout when Ryea tripled and Silcox singled.

Circosta picked-up the win on the hill for Elbow. Doughman had a nifty game at shortstop for the winners, as did Silcox and Richotte, who are part of the Doughman-Richotte-Silcox double play combination.

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T.J.'s - From Page 41...

T.J.'s crushing blow came in the sixth inning on a wild eight run spree. Bell started the rally with a double. Couture singled, Stork reached on an error, Jeff Roberts singled, and Perry reached on an error. Lund, McKeever, and Sipitkowski followed with singles. Zaborowski doubled, Ron Dutton had a sacrifice fly, and Couture, up for the second time in the inning, had an RRI single.

Couture, with three hits, and Ferguson, Bell, Roberts, Lund, and Sipitkowski with two hits apiece to lead T.J.'s offense, while Ron Kelley, Pisano, and Hadden had two safeties each for Polish Club.

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Gino's Clobbers Spirit Shoppe, 10-1

by Cathy Landry Advertiser News Staff

In the first game played since the rain of last week, Gino's Package, near the top spot in the "B" National Division of the Agawam Men's Softball League, easily ousted Agawam Spirit Shoppe, 10-1, Friday, July 22nd.

Gino's put its first two runs across the board in the third inning. Joe Spano, Bob Spano, and Jay Mercadante all singled, and Al D'amours picked-up an RBI on a fielder's choice.

In the fourth, Gino's opened-up the advantage. Mike Lazazzera and Gary Eggleston started with singles. Lazazzera and Gary Eggleston started with singles. Doug Converse then hammered a sacrifice fly for the RBI. Greg Pytka, Joe Spano, Bob Spano, and Bill Scott followed with singles to bring the tally to four runs in the inning, 6-0, Gino's.

Singles by Bob Maltoni, Eggleston, Joe Spano, and a double by Converse and a sacrifice fly by Pytka brought four additional insurance runs in the fifth.

Joe Spano and Bob Spano each had three hits for Gino's while Marcadante and Fagleston (winning pit-

Gino's, while Mercadante and Eggleston (winning pitcher) had two hits apiece. Gino's, who has already cemented a spot in the upcoming playoffs, is looking forward to its last week of regular season play and "is looking forward to putting a thrashing on Parotta's Thursday night," according to player/coach, Eggleston.

In another game on Friday night, **Polish Club** kept itself in the thick of the "B" National race with an 8-6

victory over **Scoreboard Lounge**.

Polish Club broke into the scoring column first with three runs off hits by Lonny Lottermoser (double), Joe Cabral (single), and Ron Kelley (double).

In the fourth it added three more runs. Dom Pisano led-off the inning with a double. Bob Hadden singled. Al Bouley hit a fielder's choice, but later scored, and Glenn Consolini, Steve Troie, and Ric Kelley each had singles in the frame.

In the sixth, Polish Club put the game out of reach with Bouley's two-out solo homerun. Consolini and Troie then followed with singles to round-out the scor-

ing.

Bob Goulet, Bob Perry, Albert lannizzu, Kim Regnier,
Mike Clark, Bill Dell, and Dave Hamel had productive
nights at the plate in the losing cause for Scoreboard, who fell to 7-17 with the loss.

Scoreboard, last year's playoff runnerup, is having a tough season this year. Coach Bob Perry said, "The inconsistency in the field and losing some key players from last year has really hurt the team."
Steve Troie (3 hits) and Consolini (2 hits) led Polish

Club, with Cabral picking up the win on the mound.

This Polish Club team, who will be one of the favorites in the "B" National playoffs, is comprised of the Moose 1 team of five years ago and some of last year's Polish Club team.

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F.A. MAIOLO FIGURE & DANCE CLUB skaters, from left - Marie Randall (Springfield), Brian Marshall (Southwick), and Cheryl Caisse display the hardware won at the North Eastern U.S. Championships from July 2nd through July 7th. Missing from photo: Russ DiSalvo. Good luck to the team at the nationals. Advertiser News photo by Jack

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Four Local Skaters To Compete For U.S. Titles

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These skaters competed in the North Eastern U.S. Championships from July 2nd through the 7th to earn qualifying positions into the U.S. Championships.

Brian Marshall, 16, of Southwick, became an instant star when he walked away with three North Eastern U.S. titles. Brian won the Sophomore Mens Free Style championship, the Sophomore Mens Compulsory Figure title and the Mens Open Loop School Figure title.

Winning her second North Eastern U.S. World Class Ladies Compulsory Figure title was Cheryl Caisse of West Suffield, Conn. Cheryl had won this title in 1986, was narrowly defeated in 1987, and regained her title with first place ordinals from all the judges in 1988.

Qualifying for the US Championships with bronze medals in their events were Russ DiSalvo, of East Hartford, Conn., placing third in the Intermediate Mens Compulsory Figures and Springfield resident, Marie Randall, placing third in the Intermediate Ladies Compulsory Figure event.

Coaches for these skaters, "Missy" DiSalvo and Sylvia H. Haffke, both former U.S. Champions, will be accompanying them to the prestigious championships and believe these skaters will come home with some U.S. placements.

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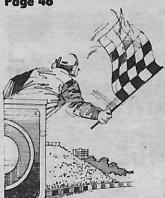
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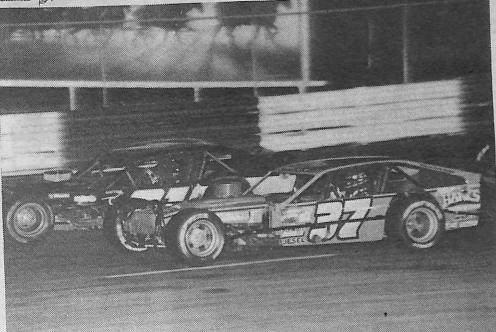


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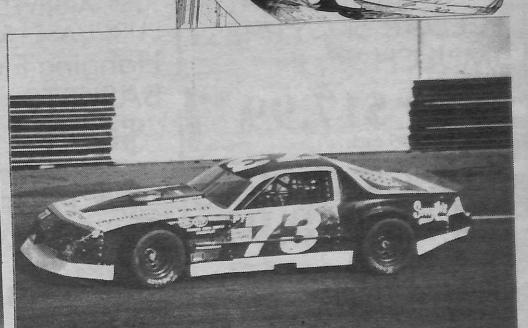




Racing Riverside



1987 MODIFIED CHAMPION MIKE STEFANIK (37) manuevers for position in a recent race at Riverside.



JERRY MARQUIS of Enfield, number 73, is considered one of the top drivers in both the Modified and Pro Stock Divisions at Riverside

Brian Ross Secures Wednesday Special Race

The story was rain everywhere. But at Riverside Park Speedway, 39 NASCAR Winston Modified Tour drivers gave the fans a night to remember at the quarter mile.

A \$40,000 extravaganza saw Jerry Marquis, one of the regulars, sit on the pole to win the BUSCH Time Trials with a time of 12:942. Additional time cash awards were won by Reggie Ruggiero (12:954) and Mike Stefanik (12:975).

The top five divided an additional \$750. Heats paying Budweiser Bonus Cash were won by Brian Ross, Bruce D'Alessandro, Jamie Tomaino, and John Zavisa. The Loctite Company presented \$7,000 in product to all drivers, with Tom Bladwin winning the "Tom Francis Pit Crew Contest."

By luck of the draw, Mike Stefanik started on the pole and led until lap 128 when Brian Ross came from the middle of the pack to sling-shot into the lead. Ross was awesome as the leader running both low and high on the track. The traffic was heavy but Ross drove a flawless race to the checker.

Late in the program, Mike McLaughlin battled with Ruggiero and diced it up lap after lap. There were four cautions in the event for minor spins and mix-up

At the checker, it was Ross who received \$4,250 in cash, plus additional product awards in excess of \$4,000, including a roll-away tool box from Snap on

Tools and additional products.

Finishing second was early leader Mike Stefanik (Hanks Const.). Third was Stan Greger (Cheney Const.). Fourth was Mike McLaughlin (Sherrie Cup), and fifth was Reggie Ruggiero (Teddy Bear Pools).

Sixth to 10th went to Rick Fuller (Universal Auto), Jeff Fuller (S.N. EGG), George Kent (Plaza Olds),

D'Alessandro (Cliff Nelson), and Tom Baldwin.
Ruggiero received a \$300 car cover from Leisure Time Canvas. Long Radio presented Tom Bolles with a radar detector for 10th. Pup Tent presented a cash

award for "hard luck" to Jerry Marquis.
"I can't believe this car. It stuck like glue. The T.J. Toyota crew did a great job. Ed Cloce and his family are the backbone of this team," said Ross.

A special fundraising event, where the drivers of the NASCAR Modified Tour ran Street Stocks, was won by Rick Fuller driving Ted Chalmers' Street. Second was Ruggiero driving Bob Skingers' Street. Third was Agawam's John Rosati driving another Chalmers car. Fourth was Jeff Fuller in L'Etoile's car, and fifth was Mike McLaughlin (Parenteau Street).

In the Late Model Street feature, it was Bob Geget-skas. Second was Jim Roule. Third was Kevin Czarnecki and fourth was John Johnson. Fifth was Gary Parenteau.

Heavy Rains Washes Out Riverside's July 23rd Race

Riverside Park Speedway made every effort last Saturday night, but Mother Nature forced the Eagle Snacks Special event to be postponed and rescheduled in a new format. The Late Model Street Stock feature went to green and rain came on lap 16 to force the feature to be red-flagged with a heavy rain delay. Every effort was tried, but the management was forced into a cancellation. A new format was announced for Saturday, July 30th.

This Saturday night it is one of the biggest and the

best doubleheaders in New England Auto Racing. It will be double NASCAR features in the Pro Stocks, in the Late Model Streets, plus twin features in the NASCAR Modifieds.

The exact format will be as follows – gates will open at 5:00 p.m. (pits at 2:00 p.m.), with the action beginning at 6:30 p.m. The first event will be started on lap 17 of the first feature. Following the Street feature will be the first 30-lap Pro Stock feature and then a 50-lap feature for the NASCAR Modifieds.

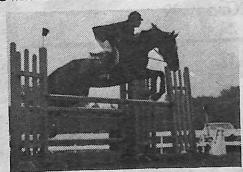
Next they will move into another complete program for the Streets, Pros, and NASCAR Modifieds. Feature events in the second round will be a 25-lap event for the Late Model Streets, 30-laps for the Pro Stocks, and 50-laps for the NASCAR Modifieds.

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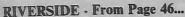
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AROUND TURN 2 at Riverside Park Speedway on July 16th, Modified drivers Stan Greger (7) and Wade Cole (33) battle it out.



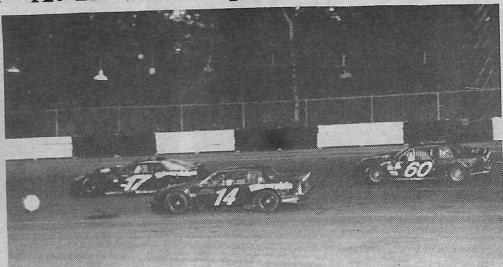
Admission for this event is priced at \$8.99 for adults and \$3 for kids. (Note—Rain Checks will not be honored as 75 percent of the program was com-

plete before the rains came). In the Qualifying Heat Races sponsored by Quaker State-F.L. Roberts-Valentine Lumber – Eagle Snacks, Bonus Money was paid for two positions. Charlie Pasteryak won the first heat over Bruce D'Alessandro, Dan Avery, Larry Moore,

Kenny Johnson, and Reggie Ruggiero. Heat number two, Joe Rzesutek was the winner over Tom Bolles, John Zavisa, and Roy Seidell. Third Modified heat was won by Jerry Marquis, beating out Tim Glen, Rick Summers, Fran Colson, and Eric LeClerc.

Pro heats were won by John Rosati, Wayne Carroll, Jerry Marquis, and Lou Prior.

In the Streets, heats were won by John Johnson, Dan Lavoie, Bob Gegetskas, Gary Zelonka, and Frank L'Etiole. Gee Perry won the "Fan's Choice" Non-Qualifiers event.



RIVERSIDE'S OWNER, Ed Carroll, Jr., (17) leads this group in a recent Pro Stock Division race.



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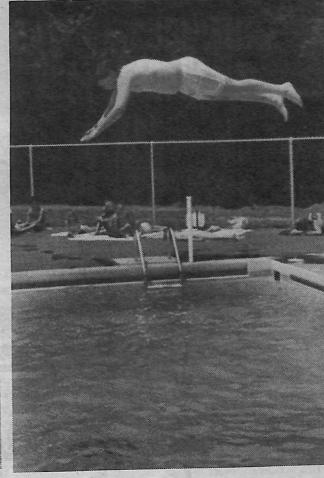
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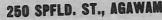
CHAMPIONS OF THE SACRED HEART ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION'S 11-13 baseball league. Back row, from left - Bryan Dusza, Shawn Bryne, Marc Griswald, David Campbell, Marc Curto, Mike Hanscom, and coach Dom DiLizia. Front row - Joey DiLizia, Andrea Carrier, Keith Camyre, Matt Dusza, and Matt Felix. Missing: Derrick Gregor, John Dorval and John Dusza, coaches.

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Unique Storage Assembles Fine Baseball Team



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Local Groups Play Softball For Easter Seals

More than 800 people in Hampden County are joining thousands of softball players throughout Massachusetts to support the work of the Easter Seal Society. They'll play ball this summer in the 11th Annual Bud Light-Easter Seal Softball Marathon.

Locally, games will be played at the Big E on August 6th and 7th. Co-sponsoring this event is 56 WHYN Radio.

Teams ready to play to help people with physical disabilities include: Olympic Fasteners and TV 22.

Proceeds from the Bud Light-Easter Seal Softball Marathon support swim programs, summer camps, equipment loan, stroke support groups, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy and home health care for disabled children and adults.

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PCBs are of concern to state officials because of evidence linking consumption of the chemical to learning disorders and other developmental abnormalities in children of women who were exposed to high levels of PCBs during pregnancy.

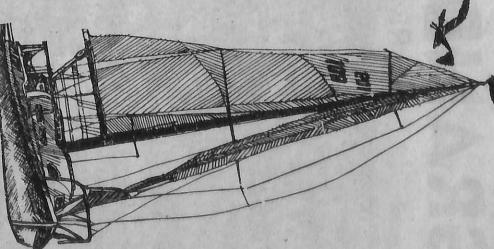
Also, some laboratory animals fed high levels of PCBs have developed liver cancers and reproductive abnormalities. PCBs have tendendy to accumulate in fatty tissue in both humans and fish and remain there at elevated levels for long periods of time.

"It should be noted that there is controversy over whether PCBs, when consumed at the levels now found in striped bass and large bluefish, actually harm humans. However, the longer one lives, the more PCBs accumulate in the body, so we recommend limiting consumption of fish with elevated PCB levels," said the



The Fishing Derby sponsored by the Sixteen Acres Lions Club, the Agawam Lions Club, and the Agawam Sportsman's Club, on Sunday, July 31st, has grown to include over 80 blind participants.

The organizations are appealing for help from the general public especially fishermen to assist the dedicated members of the sponsoring clubs. If you will help, please come with a fishing pole or two. If you do help, please come with a fishing pole or two. If you do have a pole, don't let that stop you. The event will not have a 8:00 a.m., and run to 5:00 p.m. Don't let commence at 8:00 a.m., are run to 5:00 p.m. Don't let the length of time scare you; the day will be broken into time segments. Come on over!



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Based on recent sampling for PCBs in striped bass and bluefish, the Connecticut Departments of Health Services and Environmental Protection are urging precautions in the consumption and preparation of these popular gamefish.

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These swimmers will show their friends, family, and community the importance of exercise and the cardiovascular benefits of swimming. Agawam residents are asked to support the swimmers by sponsoring their participation in this Swim for Heart event.

Unique Storage Romps Over South Hadley, 12-2

Unique Storage packed its bags and hit the road for centerfield against South Hadley this past Monday night and came away with a 12-2 win.

Bolstered by the addition of Nathan Wooley and Carmine Battista, by the time the team left it had its third consecutive win in the bag.

Jonathan Jacobsen started for Unique Storage and pitched the first three innings, striking out five and leaving with a 3-2 lead. Nathan Wooley and Mike Domaingue finished the last three innings and held South Hadley scoreless the rest of the way.

Commendable fielding plays were made by catcher Chris Chechile. He gunned down a South Hadley run-

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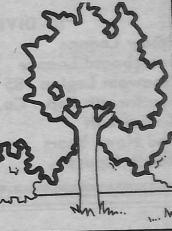
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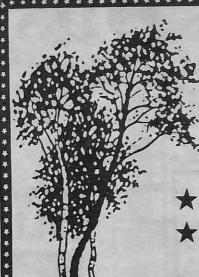
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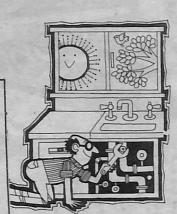
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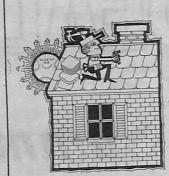
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